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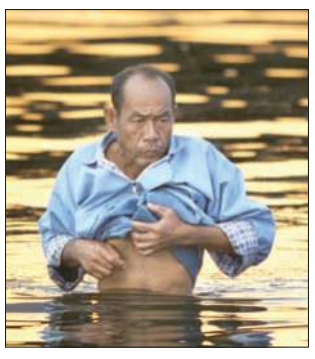

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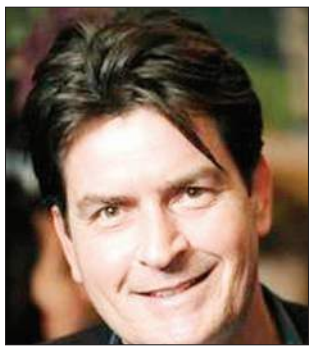

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Rep. Palacios arrested

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Police detectives served Rep. Raymond D. Palacios (Cov-Saipan) with an arrest warrant late afternoon yesterday on charges of trafficking methamphetamine or "ice."

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Ethics panel convenes

House Floor Leader George N. Camacho (Ind-Saipan) convened yesterday the committee specifically created to investigate Rep. Raymond D. Palacios' (Cov-Saipan) alleged drug use.

House Speaker Eli D. Cabrera (R-Saipan) early this week formed the Special Standing Committee on Official Conduct and Ethics and appointed Camacho to head it. It will look into reports of drug-related issues involving Palacios and come up with recommendations, if warranted.

Besides Camacho, others members of the committee are Reps. Edmund S. Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Fredrick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), Trenton B. Conner (R-

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USCIS: In-home caregivers eligible for parole

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U.S. citizens and legal residents of the CNMI who need special care can now heave a sigh of relief after U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said that humanitarian parole will be given to foreign workers who are in-home caregivers if he or she is required for extraordinary medical or special needs and meets other conditions for eligibility.

"With the expiration of umbrella permits on Nov. 27, 2011, caregivers such as these may not have another option under U.S. immigration law and in-home care services currently may not be available through the commercial sector," USCIS said in a statement yesterday.

USCIS said it will also consider granting parole for urgent humanitarian reasons when:

■ There is a compelling medical or

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WELCOME TO SAIPAN CLARISSA V. DAVID

The USS *William C. Fitzgerald*, an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer of the U.S. Navy, is seen at the Charlie Dock Thursday afternoon. Commissioned in Newport, Rhode Island in October 1995, the ship arrived for its second visit to Saipan Thursday morning. The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, as part of its efforts to reinforce Saipan's reputation as the preferred Morale, Welfare, and Recreation destination in the Asia-Pacific Region, hosted a welcome reception for the ship's 284 officers and crew last night at Hard Rock Cafe.

Parole for urgent humanitarian reasons: a Q&A

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

If you are a resident of the CNMI and have an in-home caregiver who is a foreign worker, your in-home caregiver may apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for humanitarian parole if he or she is required for extraordinary medical or special needs reasons and meets other conditions for eligibility.

USCIS will consider granting parole for urgent humanitarian reasons when:

■ There is a compelling medical or special needs situation; and

■ The existing foreign caregiver has worked for a disabled or special needs individual in the CNMI prior to Nov. 28, 2011.

Q. Can my employer apply for an in-home worker as a CW Transitional Worker?

A. No. The CW Transitional Worker nonimmigrant category is designed for workers of legitimate businesses that are doing business in the CNMI. An individual who employs someone in his or her home does not qualify as a business under the CW rule.

Q. Can an employer get a business license in order to apply for an in-home worker as a CW Transitional Worker?

A. A business for purposes of immigration is more than just having a business license. The CW rule specifies that to qualify to hire workers with CW status, an employer must be engaged in a legitimate business. This means he or she must produce services or goods for

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CUC's proposed $10M loan now in the hands of Senate

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The fate of the proposed $10 million loan of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is now in the hands of the Senate, which is expected to act on a bill that would transfer such authority to review and approve the loan from lawmakers to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

In a meeting Thursday, CPUC commissioners Viola Alepuyo and Joaquin Manglona affirmed their regulatory support for the loan proposal but emphasized that the final say is in the hands of the Legislature.

Introduced by Rep. Stanley T. Torres (Ind.-Saipan), House Bill 17-205 passed the House and awaits concurrence of the Senate.

Under the bill, the authority to review and approve CUC borrowings in excess of $500,000 would be transferred from the Legislature to the CPUC. Unless this bill is enacted into law, the commission is without any authority to approve the proposed loan.

CUC officials—executive director Abe Utu Malae, deputy executive director Alan Fletcher, and legal counsel Deborah Fisher—disclosed Thursday that the loan proposal has already secured the support of the Fitial administration based on their meeting.

CUC wants to borrow $10 million from Independence Bank of East Greenwich based in Rhode Island to complete the requirements of the stipulated orders. This loan proposal has the backing of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, according to the officials.

CUC filed an emergency petition with CPUC on Oct. 6, asking it to approve the terms of the proposed loan. On Oct. 25, the commission's consultant, Georgetown Consulting, issued a report indicating that the proposal must first be approved by law.

Fisher described the loan proposal as good not only for CUC but for the entire Commonwealth, which has a poor credit rating. "This is something good for the CNMI. It will set a baseline for CNMI that we have credit worthiness for even maybe possible bonds. If CUC can get this loan, we can show that there is cooperation and support and when they see that, they will be much more interested in continuing to finance the CNMI," said Fisher.

She said the written CPUC order is among the requirements of Independence Bank of East Greenwich.

She disclosed that the cash-strapped CUC is desperate to obtain financing so it could forestall increasing in its rates.

Malae, for his part, told the commission that the bank is willing to work with CUC because of the "character of the management" of the utilities firm.

Woman charged with embezzlement and forgery gets 10 months in prison

A former cashier/underwriter of an insurance company who was charged with 54 counts of embezzling money from her former employer and forging a credit card has pleaded guilty as part of a plea deal and was sentenced to 10 months in prison.

Rochelle Mendiola Camacho pleaded guilty to three counts of theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received and three counts of misuse of credit card.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Camacho to a total of 10 months in prison to serve without parole starting on Nov. 21, 2011. After completing her sentence, Camacho will be placed on probation for three years.

She was also made to pay $21,500 in restitution to the victims.

"Where the defendant has the ability to repay—and fails to make a good effort to do so—revocation proceedings will be initiated," Wiseman said in a written order issued Wednesday.

Camacho was also required to write a letter of apology to her former employer, Marianas Insurance Co. and authorize the company to publicize the letter to its customers and potential customers.

Although neither the prosecution and the defense mentioned the fact that Camacho, on July 14, 2011, had a civil judgment rendered against her for the same theft and for which she is convicted of, Wiseman said he factored this in his decision to accept the plea agreement.

In that civil case, the judge noted, Camacho was ordered to pay punitive damages as well.

Camacho's jury trial was supposedly to start on Monday, Oct. 31, but she decided to enter a plea agreement.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Camacho with 17 counts of forgery, seven counts of theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received, 10 counts of misuse of credit card, 10 counts of identity theft, and 10 counts of theft by unlawful taking.

An investigator for the White Collar Crimes/Public Corruption Task Force stated in his report that the manager of Marianas Insurance Co. Inc. reported the alleged embezzlement to the Department of Public Safety in October 2009 after the company's accountant uncovered Camacho's anomaly.

The investigator said the audit showed that many receipts were altered, cash payments received were under-reported, check payments had no receipts, and credit card holders' signatures were forged.

The investigator's report indicated that over $13,000 was embezzled.

The prosecutor alleged that Camacho also stole a total of $1,634.10 by forging a credit card belonging to a person and using it to purchase items at different stores on Saipan in 2009. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Fitial administration alarmed by spate of crime vs tourists

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The recent spate of robberies perpetrated against tourists on Saipan is troubling the Fitial administration so much that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has summoned officials of the Department of Public Safety and the Marianas Visitors Authority to a meeting early next week to prevent future incidents.

In the meantime, MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce is in favor if increasing penalties for crimes against tourists. She said tourism is the islands' remaining industry and the CNMI economy's lifeblood.

"The governor and lieutenant governor are extremely troubled by the growing rate of thefts around the island and will discuss this matter and the implementation of alternative safeguard programs aimed at deterring such criminal acts from occurring. Indeed, the admin is gravely concerned at the negative impact these crimes would have on our tourism source markets," said press secretary Angel Demapan.

Aldan-Pierce said that crime against tourists not only affects victims but its negative effects resonate within the entire industry.

"Just yesterday at MTEC's tourism summit, I mentioned these crimes and tried to impart to the young audience the consequences the CNMI faces due to these. That we tout our destination as a safe place for tourists to visit, and that each time a crime is committed, it is broadcast in the tourist's home country and negate our efforts to bring in more visitors. The entire CNMI stands to lose so much if this continues—we will lose tourists and our public and private sector jobs—if we lose our reputation as a safe destination," she said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

Although MVA currently provides security at five popular tourist sites and is keen to include Suicide Cliff to its current budget for security services, Aldan-Pierce said that the tourism body is open to other remedies to solve and prevent the spate of robberies against tourists.

"We support increasing penalties for crimes against tourists through legislation, and we encourage individual citizens with information to do their part to bring the perpetrators to justice," said the DFS Galleria Saipan president. "There's too much at stake for us not to do anything. These are very concerning and the community should be very upset and be more demanding in the timeliness of investigations which should garner more arrests."

Just this month, *Saipan Tribune* records show that five robbery incidents were perpetrated against tourists.

Quichocho named defense for ex-cop in fruit bat case appeal

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona appointed attorney Ramon Quichocho yesterday to represent retired police lieutenant Adrian Atalig Mendiola in his appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to reverse his conviction in the poaching case of Mariana fruit bats on Rota.

Manglona issued Quichocho's appointment after the Ninth Circuit gave an order to appoint a lawyer for Mendiola in his appeal.

The Ninth Circuit notified the U.S. District Court for the NMI that the appointing authority (Manglona) may wish to consider Quichocho, who represented Mendiola in the district court and is willing to accept the appellate appointment.

Mendiola had informed the Ninth Circuit that he can't afford to hire an attorney to represent him in his appeal.

On Oct. 14, 2011, the district court granted Mendiola's application to proceed with his appeal without the prepayment fees.

The district court earlier granted Quichocho's request to withdraw as the court-appointed counsel in Mendiola's case.

In May 2011, the jury found Mendiola guilty of unlawful possession of a threatened wildlife, but not guilty of unlawful receipt or acquisition of a threatened wildlife.

On Sept. 27, Manglona sentenced Mendiola to 90 days in jail. She allowed Mendiola to self-report to the U.S. Marshals so he could start serving his sentence.

In his appeal, Mendiola raised three legal issues: whether there was sufficient evidence that the "freezer bats" were of the subspecies *Pterupus marianus mariannus*; whether there was sufficient evidence that the "freezer bats" were taken on or after Feb. 7, 2005, when the federal regulations criminalizing the possession of *Pteropus mariannus mariannus* became final; and whether the trial court abused its discretion when it gave an allegedly erroneous supplemental jury instruction during the jury's deliberation. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION **DOCKET 09-1**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 10:00 a.m. on Monday November 14, 2011, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission [Commission] will conduct a public hearing and workshop at the Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to receive and consider evidence, discussion and public comment on the following regulatory matters concerning Commonwealth Utilities Corporation [CUC]:

1. Pursuant to a tariff established by regulatory order on December 19, 2008, the Commission reviews and approves the semi-annual LEAC [levelized energy adjustment clause] rate, which CUC is authorized to charge its electric customers to recover its projected fuel and related expenses during the period. CUC's LEAC rate is separate from its base rates, which are intended to fund its non-fuel operational and capital expenses. By filing dated October 27, 2011, CUC and Georgetown [the Commission's independent regulatory consultant] have recommended that for the period November 18, 2011 through March 31, 2012, the current LEAC rate of $0.34426 cents per kWh should be reduced to $0.30265 per kWh [an average 9+/- percent reduction]. On or before October 31, 2011, CUC and Georgetown will file position papers, which will document this recommendation. These filings will be available for public inspection at the office of Georgetown's legal counsel, Mr. Robert Torres, Esq. Plata Drive, Whispering Palms, Saipan, phone number 670-234-7859.

2. CUC and Georgetown's further positions with regard to CUC's November 10, 2010 petition for regulatory approval of a proposed fifth change order to CUC's contract with Telesource CNMI, Inc. for operation of CUC's Tinian power generation facilities. At CUC's request during the April 2011 regulatory session, the Commission tabled its consideration of this petition until the present session. Georgetown's January 24, 2011 analysis of this petition, as supplemented on October 31, 2011 is available for public inspection at the law offices of Mr. Robert Torres, Esq.

3. The status of CUC's accounts receivables.

4. CUC's progress in crafting a net metering tariff and rates for Commission review in accordance with the mandate of 4 CMC § 8634 [Public Law 15-87] and as directed by the Commission's June 7, 2011 Decision.

5. Georgetown's progress in crafting a utility rate structure and independent power producer contract standards, as required by 4 CMC § 8625 [Public Law 15-87] and as directed by the Commission's June 7, 2011 Decision.

6. CUC's January 31, 2011 independent audit report for FY09 and FY10, including the notes, findings and questioned costs discussed therein.

7. The status of: a] House Bill 17-205 regarding the transfer of approval authority for CUC borrowing from lawmakers to the Commission; and b] Georgetown's review of CUC's October 6, 2011 emergency petition for authorization to borrow $10 million dollars to finance requirements under Federal Stipulated Orders.

THE COMMISSION WELCOMES THE PUBLIC'S ATTENDANCE at its November 14, 2011 public hearing and public comments at the conclusion of the hearing. Persons who desire to formally participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC § 8409(j) [Public Law 15-35] should on or before November 7, 2011 file with the Commission at Mr. Torres' law office an application and offer of proof in accordance with §8409(j) and Commission Procedural Rule 11(c). The Commission will notice and conduct a special business meeting to consider and make decisions regarding matters considered at the public hearing. Further information about the public hearing and the public's right to participate may be obtained from the law offices of Mr. Torres, Esq. at the above address and phone number.

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Q&A

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profit or be a governmental, charitable or other validly recognized nonprofit organization. The employer must also demonstrate that he or she has considered available U.S. workers for the position. The employer must be doing business as defined by the rule, meaning the regular, systematic and continuous provision of goods or services. A business license does not transform a normal household into a legitimate business under the CW rule.

A legitimate business that is doing business as defined in the CW rule may petition to employ an in-home worker as long as the business:

■ Pays and supervises that employee;

■ Offers terms and conditions that are consistent with the nature of the petitioner's business and the nature of the occupation, activity and industry in the CNMI; and

■ Otherwise meets the requirements of the CW rule.

Q. Are all in-home workers eligible to be considered for parole?

A. No, this is not a blanket option for anyone using the title "caregiver." A foreign worker applying for parole under this situation must be providing care for a person who requires medical assistance in order to live independently or is otherwise in a situation of urgent humanitarian need. This means a significant medical or special needs situation going beyond normal house maintenance or ordinary childcare. This could include, for example, an individual who is disabled and unable to care for him or herself or a special needs child for whom no care facilities exist in the CNMI. Someone who is employed in the home simply to make life easier or to facilitate employment of the household outside the home by taking care of the children, cleaning the home, buying groceries, cooking meals and other such work, is not eligible to be considered for parole. The situation should also involve a continuing need for the special care.

Q. Can anyone work directly for a family or other non-business as an in-home worker without parole?

A. All foreign nationals must be authorized to be employed in order to work in the CNMI. CNMI "umbrella permits" or other work authorization based on status provided by the CNMI government before Nov. 28, 2009 generally expire no later than Nov. 27, 2011. If you are a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident or Freely Associated State national, you are authorized for any employment in the CNMI and may work as an in-home worker. If you are in another immigration status, your ability to work as an in-home worker will depend upon the specifics of your immigration situation (for example, you may have work authorization that is limited to specific employment.)

You can apply for parole with USCIS for these purposes if you are:

■ A CNMI permanent resident;

■ An immediate relative (spouse or child) of a CNMI permanent resident (living or deceased); or

■ The immediate relative of an FAS national.

See below for more information about how to get work authorization as a parolee.

Q. Is there a fee to apply for parole?

A. There is *no* filing fee to apply for parole. However, there is a filing fee for the Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization.

Q. Does the caregiver or the employer apply for parole?

A. The caregiver must apply for parole, *not* the person being cared for or the person paying the caregiver's salary.

Q. Does the employer need to be a U.S. citizen?

A. This use of parole is intended for those involved in significant long-term caregiver situations. This typically will mean that the person to whom the care is provided should have a status providing a continuing long-term right of residence in the CNMI, in particular, U.S. citizen, U.S. lawful permanent resident or FAS national. All situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and the fact that the employer is not in one of these statuses does not absolutely preclude favorable consideration. For example, a situation could involve an employer in one immigration status and the person to whom the care is being given in another, such as a U.S. citizen child.

Q. What must be included in the parole request?

The following must be submitted as part of the caregiver's request:

■ A letter from the foreign worker's employer explaining the compelling humanitarian need and details of your current employment, including the number of hours worked per week and other details of the arrangement;

■ A letter from you, the caregiver, asking for parole that includes:

■ A P.O. Box mailing address,

■ A contact telephone number; and

■ The location where you work (give cross streets so that our inspectors can find the home);

■ A completed Form G-325, Biographic Information;

■ A copy of a valid identity document such as a passport or birth certificate;

■ Evidence of your residence in the CNMI at the time of application;

■ Evidence of your legal presence in the CNMI at the time of application, such as a valid umbrella permit; and

■ Evidence of status of the person being cared for, such as a copy of his or her valid passport or birth certificate.

You should include evidence that supports the need for you to fill this position as a caregiver, in order to justify to USCIS the use of special consideration for you. USCIS will make a decision on the parole request based upon the merits of the case that you present. It is important that you include as much relevant information as possible such as:

■ Your current work situation (how long you have worked for this person, number of hours per week, etc.)

■ Why your services are absolutely necessary for the welfare of the person being cared for.

■ In the case of special needs children, this could include a letter from specialists and/or a verification from the school authorities about what is and is not available on-island outside of a home care setting.

■ In the case of medical disabilities, this could include information from a medical doctor.

Q. Where can I apply for humanitarian parole as a caregiver in the CNMI?

A. Make an InfoPass appointment at www.uscis.gov to come into the USCIS office at TSL Plaza in Garapan. Bring all the items listed above to the interview.

Q. How long will it take for me to get parole?

A. If you come to your appointment with a complete package and are eligible for parole, the USCIS officer could issue parole immediately.

Q. Can I work once parole is granted?

A. Parole permits you to remain temporarily in the CNMI subject to any conditions but does not automatically provide for employment authorization. In order to work, you must submit a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization and receive an Employment Authorization Document, or EAD.

Q. Can I work anywhere with my EAD?

A. No. Caregivers who are granted parole for humanitarian reasons (specifically because of their role as caregivers) are expected to continue to work in that position. Your parole will be revoked if you are no longer working as a caregiver as explained in your initial request.

Q. Can I provide care to more than one employer?

A. If your parole request demonstrates that you provide care justifying a grant of parole for more than one household, your parole may similarly authorize you to provide care to more than one household, once you are issued an EAD.

Q. Can I travel anywhere in the United States?

A. No. Parole for caregivers of individuals with compelling medical or special needs will be granted for the CNMI only and does not authorize travel to any other part of the United States. If you need to travel, you will have to contact USCIS.

Q. How long are the parole and EAD valid?

A. Depending upon your request, both parole and the EAD will be issued for up to one year. To lawfully remain in the CNMI thereafter, you will need to request an extension of your parole or obtain another Immigration and Nationality Act nonimmigrant or immigrant classification before your parole expires.

Q. Is there a minimum wage required for caregivers?

A. Employers must comply with federal and CNMI requirements relating to employment including, but not limited to, minimum wage requirements and Fair Labor Standards.

Q. What about my dependents? If I am granted parole, will my dependents also be allowed to remain in the CNMI with me?

A. If you are a worker eligible for parole under this guidance, you may also request parole for your spouse and dependent children (under the age of 21) who are lawfully present in the CNMI. You must submit the following information regarding any family member requesting parole along with you:

■ A letter or affidavit signed by the family member requesting parole, or signed by you if the family member is a child under 18;

■ Evidence of the family relationship between you and the family member requesting parole;

■ A copy of a valid identity document, such as a passport biographic page (with photo, date of birth and expiration date); and

■ A copy of any Form I-94 (front and back), umbrella permit and/or other document showing current lawful presence in the CNMI.

This parole will allow the family member to remain with the worker lawfully in the CNMI after Nov. 27, 2011, but does not authorize employment. Work authorization will not be granted to paroled family members. If you and your spouse are both eligible for parole and work authorization as workers under this guidance, you should file separate requests for parole and separate applications for an EAD.

For more information, visit www.uscis.gov/cnmi. ***(USCIS)***

PAROLE

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special needs situation; and

■ The existing foreign caregiver has worked for a disabled or special needs individual in the CNMI prior to Nov. 28, 2011.

In an email from press secretary Angel Demapan, he extends the Fitial administration's appreciation to USCIS for allowing parole for in-home caregivers.

"The Fitial administration is pleased to learn of the decision of USCIS to extend parole-in-place for in-home caregivers. This is certainly good news for our residents who have critical medical or special needs. This was one area of concern that Gov. [Benigno R.] Fitial constantly fought for during his meetings with USCIS and DHS officials in Washington," said Demapan.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, meanwhile, said he received early word of the USCIS' decision and sent thank-you notes to USCIS officials with whom he has been working to solve the caregiver problem.

"I think I speak for everyone whose family depends on having an in-home caregiver, when I say thank you to [Department of Homeland Security] Secretary Janet Napolitano and to all of her staff who worked on this issue," said Sablan.

The two-term U.S. congressman said the decision to make caregivers eligible for parole was a direct result of USCIS' outreach efforts in September.

"USCIS Director [Alejandro] Mayorkas made the decision to expend considerable resources of time and money to send a team out to the Marianas for almost three weeks to explain the new CW worker regulations," Sablan recalled.

"They came to answer questions. But they also listened. And they learned about the caregiver problem from those affected. That personal contact made a difference in how the agency thought about this problem and led to today's decision."

The USCIS announcement, which includes guidelines and instructions for applying for caregiver parole, is available at the congressional offices on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Caregivers who have already applied for parole do not have to reapply as a result of yesterday's announcement. Applications already filed will remain active.

"USCIS has shown that it is able to be flexible during the transition period and respond to the specific situation in the Northern Marianas. Now I urge every family that employs a caregiver for medical reasons or for other special needs to get that caregiver to apply for parole. Time is short: Nov. 27 is just one month away," added Sablan.

Demapan, meanwhile, said the Fitial administration was initially troubled that parole for in-home caregivers was not taken into consideration in the final CW rule and embarked on taking steps to issue an executive order to address this matter.

"Now, that this new authority has been announced by USCIS, the administration will certainly look into the terms and conditions further before it will render a decision on the pending executive order currently undergoing legal review," he said.

The executive order Demapan alluded would permit individuals who pay for the care of another person, and who hire an alien for that purpose, to apply for a CNMI business license as a sole proprietor in the absence of a parole for them in the CW final rule.

With the publication of the transitional worker final rule in September, USCIS said many foreign workers in the CNMI will be able to obtain authorization to live and work in the CNMI through a petitioning employer; however, USCIS will continue to consider parole for specific situations, including that of CNMI permanent residents and their immediate relatives and the immediate relatives of nationals of the Freely Associated States.

"USCIS may grant parole on a case-by-case basis based on the individual circumstances presented and has exercised parole authority on a case-by-case basis in the CNMI since 2009 for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit," the agency statement reads.

ETHICS

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Tinian), Joseph Guerrero (R-Saipan), and Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

Camacho said that yesterday's meeting didn't last long and was just meant to "organize the group and figure out what direction they need to go."

Among the first things they decided is that each member of the committee will have to undergo a drug test, he said.

"We ourselves as committee members will take the drug test ourselves prior to looking into [Palacios' alleged drug involvement]. Before we question the character of our colleague, we have to clear our character first," he said.

Camacho said each member should have submitted himself or herself to a drug test before the committee's next meeting on Nov. 7.

Asked whether the committee will summon witnesses during its probe of Palacios' alleged drug involvement, Camacho said for now they will be looking into media accounts.

"[We will] look at articles from newspapers and the video of telecasts from KSPN. The issue is based on newspaper articles so that's what we're looking at first," said Camacho. ***(Mark Rabago)***

PALACIOS

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Multiple sources at the Department of Public Safety told *Saipan Tribune* that Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives served Palacios with the warrant at his residence in Chalan Kanoa. The warrant was issued by Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman.

Sources said that Wiseman imposed a $60,000 cash bail for two counts of trafficking "ice."

A lawyer told *Saipan Tribune* that each offense of "ice" trafficking carries a mandatory prison term of 25 years.

Palacios is now being detained at the Department of Corrections in Susupe. He is expected to be taken to court Monday morning for his initial court appearance or bail hearing.

Palacios, chairman of the House Committee on Education, earlier denied being involved in selling "ice" after rumors spread Monday afternoon that the FBI had arrested him on illegal drug charges.

No further details were available as of press time about the "ice buy operation," but sources said that detective Steven Castro is handling the investigation.

Other sources said that detectives were actually supposed to serve the arrest warrant earlier this week unknown reasons.

Sources said the detectives decided to arrest Palacios after they received tips that the representative had purchased an airline ticket to get out of the CNMI.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) on Tuesday said he will appoint a seven-member Special Committee on Ethics that will look into reports of drug-related issues involving Palacios.

Senate, House welcomes GTA's entry to CNMI telecom industry

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The Senate and the House of Representatives believe the entry of GTA Services, LLC to the local telecommunications industry will result in lower rates and better services.

In a letter to Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission chair Viola Alepuyo, Senate President Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) said he fully supports the Guam-based company's entry to the CNMI telecoms market.

"So long as GTA supplies and maintains quality telecommunications on all Commonwealth islands, it has the Senate's full support," he said.

Manglona added that by creating an open market and competition between telecommunication carriers, "better services and more affordable prices will passed on to consumers."

He said further proof of the upper chamber's support of GTA is its passage of Senate Resolution 17-51 in May 2011, expressing its full support of GTA Services.

House Speaker Eli D. Cabrera (R-Saipan) said he welcomes any new business that comes into the CNMI, especially if it will create competition and ultimately lower rates.

"It's always good to have more competition and it will bring down rates. We welcome GTA's entry to the islands telecoms industry," he said.

The Fitial administration seconded Manglona and Cabrera's comments about GTA joining IT&E, Docomo Pacific, and iConnect in the local telecoms industry.

"The administration welcomes all new meaningful investments into the CNMI. The priority of the administration is economic development and the creation of more job opportunities for our people. While we are not privy to GTA's rates for its services, we certainly welcome the idea that our people will have additional options when it comes to telecommunications services. Obviously, during these trying times, our people should be afforded the opportunity to seek more affordable goods and services," said press secretary Angel Demapan in an email.

Chamber bats for creation of 'CNMI Product Seal'

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce supports the creation of a "CNMI Product Seal" through the passage of House Bill 17-219.

In a letter to Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Chamber president Douglas Brennan said "a CNMI Product Seal best serves local businesses, local entrepreneurs, and those that would purchase goods manufactured in the CNMI in good faith."

The Chamber president also said his group agrees with the conclusions of the bill when it found out that there are products currently sold in the Commonwealth that falsely state they are produced in the CNMI and are therefore misrepresented products of the Commonwealth.

Brennan added in his letter to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism chairman that, like what the bill states, the "integrity of those products, and the legitimate businesses in the CNMI marketing those products, are compromised as a result of those false claims."

Just as local businesses cannot or should not display the "Saipan Chamber of Commerce Member" seal on their establishments unless they are members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, he said that manufacturers of goods, and the businesses that sell them, should not be allowed to display the "CNMI Product Seal" without qualifying to do so.

"SCC supports the intent of House Bill 17-219, but encourages the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism to carefully formulate regulations regarding the determinations of 'value-added' and 'substantial transformation' for qualification and enforcement purposes with the CNMI Product Seal," he said.

Brennan said the special tariff privilege, General Note 3(a)(iv), which provides for qualification of products produced in the CNMI displaying the "Made in the USA" label, serves as a model for those regulations and enforcement issues.

He added that while the Chamber supports the intent of House Bill 17-219, the group is concerned what this bill would propose as far as new responsibilities outlined for the undermanned and understaffed CNMI Department of Commerce.

"SCC does not believe the CNMI Department of Commerce has the time and resources to administer to this proposed law creating the CNMI Product Seal," said Brennan.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Civic Center burglary

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a burglary and theft incident that occurred at the Civic Center beach, near the basketball court in Susupe.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, 2011, around 9:45am, a 39-year-old woman parked her white 1996 Toyota Tercel four-door sedan at the beach. The victim locked her car, hid the car key, and went swimming with a friend toward the World War II tank. Less than an hour later, the victim used her hidden key to open her trunk to discover her personal items missing.

The items stolen include a black Dive Signia bag, a black Urban Outfitter purse containing an Olympus-style touch digital camera, dive polarized sunglasses, a Samsung Galaxy Android cell phone, zip drives, a faux leather planner, the victim's driver's license, credit cards, and about $25 cash.

DPS and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.com. Crime stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. ***(Crime Stopeprs)***

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adopt of Minutes- August 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - September 13, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- e. Swearing-in of new Board members

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
III. PUBLIC COMMENTS
IV. MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAM
- a. Request for a lease-to-own of Tinian property
- b. Update on October 4, 2011 Auction
- c. USDA RD update

V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
VI. PROGRAM & HOUSING
- a. HCV Program Training Update
- b. Utility Allowance Update

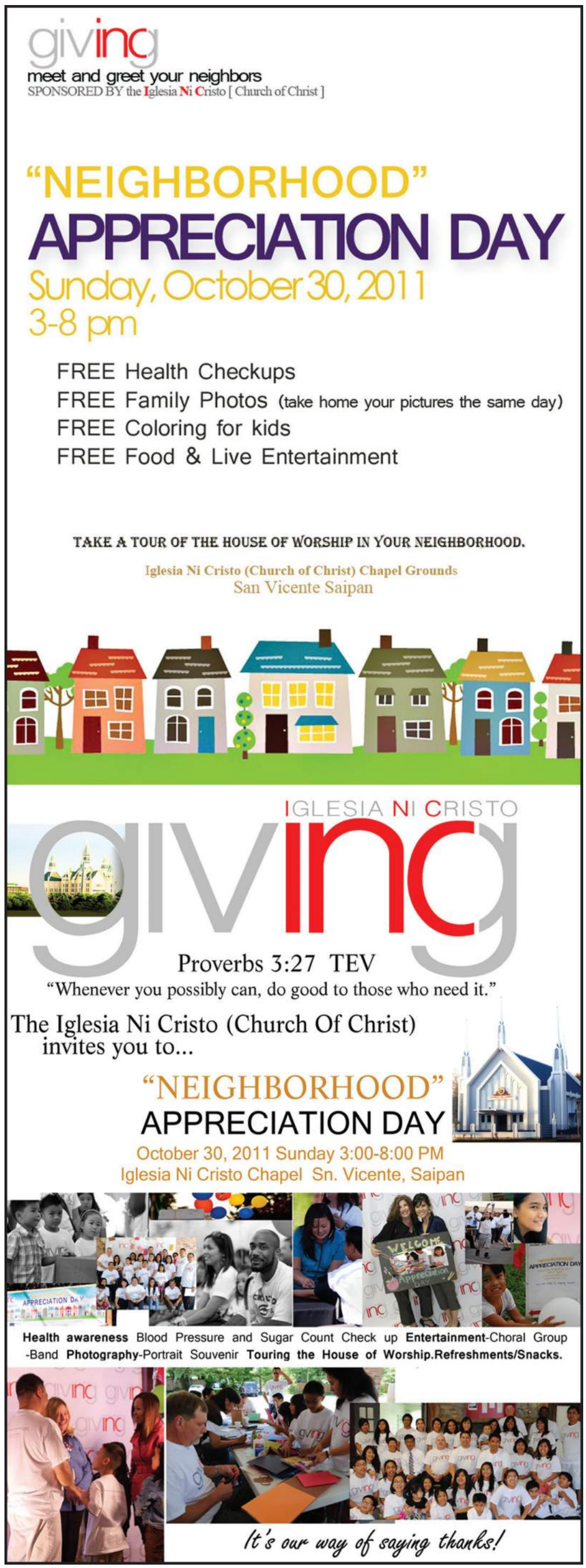
VII. FISCAL AFFAIRS
- a. Preliminary Financial as of September 30, 2011
- b. Adoption of Travel Policy
- c. FY 2011 audit update

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
IX. OTHER MATTERS
- a. Proposal for Garapan Annex
- b. USDA RD SUTA comments
- c. LIHTC update—U.S. Treasury off-site review

X. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board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Ending the Syrian bloodbath

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While other Arab nations take the first steps toward democracy, Syria remains a literal battleground, one on which more than 3,000 people have been killed, according to the United Nations. Unlike his counterparts in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia, President Bashar Assad remains in power. Arab nations that aspire to be peacemakers should press for his departure or at a minimum an end to the violence against the opposition before any negotiations begin.

Assad's brutal reaction to protests makes him unfit to lead, even in the unlikely event that he meaningfully shared power with the opposition. A small but revealing example of the thuggery of the Assad regime was the harassment of U.S. Ambassador Robert S. Ford. Last month, Ford's motorcade was attacked, trapping Ford and other U.S. diplomats for about 90 minutes in an office building where he was meeting with an opposition leader. The Obama administration has recalled Ford, ostensibly to "give him a little bit of a break."

The Syrian National Council, an umbrella organization representing several rebel groups, does not support airstrikes by outside governments like the ones that helped drive Moammar Kadafi from power. Instead it has called for international "monitors" to take up positions inside the country to prevent violence. But unless they were an armed peacekeeping force they would be hard pressed to restrain pro-Assad fighters. In the absence of a definitive victory by rebels or major concessions by Assad, other means must be tried, from sanctions to diplomacy.

On Wednesday, an Arab ministerial committee, led by the prime minister of Qatar, met with Assad. This isn't the first such initiative. The 22-nation Arab League, which turned against Kadafi by supporting a no-fly zone, has given Syria until the end of the month to establish a cease-fire and start a dialogue with the opposition. Should Syria fail to do so, the league pledged to meet again to consider other options.

Both initiatives assume that Assad is willing to relinquish some of his power. There is nothing in the record to support that view, but perhaps there is no harm in testing him. We will not be surprised if the Arab diplomats conclude, however, that the only solution to the crisis in Syria is his resignation.

Every Arab country is unique, and the experiences of Libya, Tunisia and Egypt are not interchangeable. But there is one striking similarity: All three countries have been ruled by autocrats who suppressed dissent and stifled political development, and all three are now free of their longtime dictators. That would be the best outcome for the Syrian people as well.

A third-party presence in 2012

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American voters have fired two modern presidents after just one term, Jimmy Carter in 1980 and George H.W. Bush in 1992. Both suffered because the economy was in poor shape, and both faced disaffection within their own parties. But there was another thing those candidates had in common: They both faced relatively strong third-party candidates in the November election.

John B. Anderson in 1980 and H. Ross Perot in 1992 both ran as independent centrists, and while they weren't the only reason the incumbents lost (Ronald Reagan won a majority of the popular vote in 1980), they were certainly a factor.

Until now, handicapping for next year's presidential election has focused on how President Obama might fare in a two-candidate race. Could Obama beat Mitt Romney? Rick Perry? Herman Cain? (In all three cases, the answer is probably yes.)

But there's likely to also be a wild card in this election. Americans Elect, a well-funded "virtual third party," plans to put a centrist presidential candidate on the ballot in all 50 states, and while he or she is unlikely to win the presidential election, the presence of a third candidate could still have a major impact on the outcome.

Americans Elect is a collection of Republicans, Democrats and independents who say they're fed up with the polarization that has poisoned American politics. Some of its backers have previously contributed to Obama, Romney or other candidates. Several are fans of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has flirted with the idea of running as a third-party centrist. The group's central figure is Peter Ackerman, a wealthy investor and former banker who considers himself an independent and who was active four years ago in a similar effort called Unity08.

The group plans to hold a national primary election on the Internet—a mass-participation exercise that anyone can join. Candidates can nominate themselves, and voters can form committees to "draft" candidates, including politicians drawn from the major parties—Hillary Rodham Clinton, for example, or Jon Huntsman. Candidates who don't want to be drafted can take their names off the ballot, but only after several rounds of voting—so a Clinton boomlet could happen even if the secretary of State says she's not playing. Meanwhile, the group is collecting signatures to put itself on every state's ballot; it says it has collected 1.6 million signatures in California, which should enable it to qualify.

Who will its candidate be? Bloomberg is frequently mentioned, even though he says he doesn't plan to run. So is Huntsman, even though he says he's only interested in the Republican nomination. It might be former Louisiana Gov. Buddy Roemer, who has been trying to break into the Republican race; former Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., who retired after denouncing both parties; or independent business figures such as Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, who has called on his fellow moguls to stop giving money to politicians.

Americans Elect says it plans to choose a presidential nominee (and a vice presidential candidate, who by the group's rules can't come from the same party) by June.

What happens then depends mostly on the shape of the contest between the Democratic and Republican candidates.

A candidate like Bayh might draw disaffected moderate and independent voters away from President Obama, making it easier for a Republican like Romney to win. Or a candidate like Bloomberg could attract moderate Republicans if the GOP nominee is seen as too extreme a conservative, a scenario that would benefit Obama.

Both Democrats and Republicans in Americans Elect insist that there's no conspiracy here. They don't have a preferred candidate, they say, and they're not launching this effort with a "spoiler" outcome in mind.

"I'm in this because I think the system is broken, and this is a way to begin fixing it," said Darry Sragow, a Los Angeles lawyer and veteran of California Democratic politics who is the group's national political director. "There's no intention here to spoil anybody's candidacy."

On the other hand, he acknowledged, that could be the effect. "The law of unintended consequences is alive and well," he said.

One potential pitfall for this well-intended effort is the opportunity for mischief. Americans Elect, because of recent court rulings, doesn't have to report who its donors are. Its organizers don't intend it to become a spoiler, but Republicans or Democrats could flood it with money to try to make it one.

Another is that the group is aiming at the wrong target. Presidential elections aren't the main source of polarization in American politics; neither Obama nor Romney is an extremist. Most of the polarization we're seeing comes from Congress, where districts have been drawn to protect incumbents and where donors and interest groups have more influence on the nominating process.

The group's organizers say they understand that. "To change the system, you have to change it at the level of Congress and state legislatures," Sragow said. "But we think the national level is the best place to get started."

That start is certain to be an interesting experiment no matter what happens. But its real potential will come in 2014 and beyond—if it can stay on the ballot and break the two parties' oligopoly in congressional elections, where the real problem lies.

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Exotic animals belong in the wild, not the backyard

By J.R. LABBE
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The photographs of the carnage left on the ground outside a Zanesville, Ohio, barn are heartbreaking.

Forty-eight exotic animals killed—including 18 rare Bengal tigers, 17 lions, three leopards and three mountain lions—after their owner freed them from confinement before committing suicide.

Investigators are still trying to piece together why Terry Thompson, 62, loosed the animals on his neighbors. But the fact that it was legal for him to amass that many dangerous animals in the first place is a question Ohio lawmakers need to answer.

Stories of people who keep exotic animals—particularly big cats—as pets or living curiosities pop up from time to time, generally because one of the creatures has turned on an owner. I used to hear about them when I worked for Ringling Bros. and Barnum&Bailey Circus. The circus fielded calls from folks throughout the country who were trying to place an animal with someone else after the cute, cuddly "kitten" (actually called a cub) grew to its full size. Bengal males can weigh between 350 and almost 600 pounds.

No matter how long a big cat has been raised in a domestic setting, the fact remains it is a wild animal.

It can be trained, but it can't really be tamed. It never outgrows its natural instincts. Unfortunately, when a big cat is forced into a domestic environment, its natural instinct to hunt can turn the family poodle or the neighbor's Persian cat—or worse, the kid next door—into prey. To a tiger, a small child can look like lunch.

It was a privilege to work around one of the premier animal trainers in the world, Gunther Gebel-Williams, before his retirement from Ringling Bros. While my public relations job required that I spend the majority of time on the road in advance of the show, on occasion I would be in a city the same time The Greatest Show on Earth was appearing.

The golden-haired Gunther made things look so easy as he worked under the spotlights with his retinue of cats—Siberian and Bengal tigers, leopards and cheetahs. The loving ease with which he motivated and cajoled them around the ring disguised hours upon hours of tedious labor spent in the training arena with the cats. (Side note: Gunther refused to work with lions. He claimed they were stupid and slow.)

The tigers used in Gunther's act were raised by him, many of them from birth. Gunther did not delegate the mundane day-to-day duties of feeding and caring for the animals to assistants or other handlers; he did the work himself. His knowledge of the behavior of big cats was as complete as any human's could be. And based on that intimate knowledge of how the animals behave, Gunther believed private citizens had no business keeping big cats.

What most of the circus-going public couldn't see from the bleacher seats, obscured by the flashing bright lights and Gebel-Williams' glitzy circus attire, became painfully obvious when you met him. The scar tissue covering his body looked like a series of railroad tracks—evidence of just how dangerous the big cats can be, even for a man who raised them from their births.

Gunther did not declaw his cats. In addition to diminishing the impact of his act, it was cruel, he believed, to remove the cat's first line of defense. But in many cases when private owners decide to raise cats in captivity, declawing is the first thing they do. And that's when they seal the animal's fate. Zoos won't take them, the circus won't take them and they can't be released into the wild. They must forever remain pseudo pets—not a natural way for the majestic, powerful creatures to exist and a lurking danger for the owners and surrounding community.

Claws, fangs and natural instinct are why Ohio law enforcement officers had to kill most of the animals loosed by Thompson. They couldn't be left alive as dark fell on the mostly rural area about 55 miles east of Columbus.

You know it had to make those officers sick to have to kill such amazing creatures.

Very few scenarios come to mind where a private residence should be home to an exotic animal, even when the residence has 73 acres of land surrounding it, as did Thompson's "preserve." Animal rights' activists carry the issue even further, questioning the validity of exotic animals being used to perform in circuses. While I can attest to the fact that Gunther's animals—big cats, elephants and horses—were treated better than the hundreds of thousands of cats and dogs that end up destroyed in this nation's animal shelters every year, I also question the need for placing exotic animals in forced servitude just to cater to America's desire for entertainment.

Letters to the Editor

Turning the CNMI around

I have to laugh...seriously. In the past few weeks I have enjoyed reading the paper. It's funnier than watching a one-legged ice skater.

First, some of the job postings are hilarious. One job posting had the requirements of a master's degree, the ability to speak three languages, 15 years experience and is generously offering this person $5.05 an hour. I almost got hiccups reading that one because I laughed so hard.

Some people say that they already have a person they want to hire, that's why the requirements are so high. No, if that was the case, then why advertise? Unless the person they are hiring is a CW. Then that leaves the door open to a discrimination case if someone is hired that has less qualification or someone isn't given an interview or a fair chance to be hired. Apply at these places and then inquire if the person they hired has these qualifications. They just want to take advantage of the minimum wage on the island. This is an insult and the minimum wage needs to be raised to at least $7 an hour next year.

Then there is all this talk about people leaving the island in 30 days. That is even funnier. The former INS general attorney is telling people they don't have to go without a hearing. True, but if you get forced out of the county then you are blacklisted from returning. File papers now to have a hearing, simple. I have no sympathy for someone who has been here for 20 years and never filed for a green card and since the date is coming it just dawned on them to get one. Think about it. Whose fault is it that they don't have one? How about the people who sent all their earnings back home while they worked here and never saved a dime? Whose fault is that?

Why does the CNMI have so many financial problems? Easy, the politicians are looking for ways to raise capital in the wrong places. For the past several years the CNMI could have asked a lot of businesses to come to the CNMI. South Carolina and Mississippi did this many years ago and went from $300 million in the hold to a $300-million surplus. The CNMI can do the same thing. Stop worrying about obtaining more SNAP money and think about obtaining high paying jobs for the God-fearing people of the CNMI. They just need to offer a lot of incentives such that any business from the United States would be educationally challenged if they don't take the offer. No property taxes, sales tax, federal tax. Most businesses don't know about these incentives. Throw in a bone or two more and the jobs will come. Contact the businesses, advertise and, they will come.

Why is the CNMI in trouble? For too long it relied too heavily on Asian tourists and did not have a long-term plan. Let me give you a few business ideas: call centers, hubs, agricultural and manufacturing products that could be made here and labeled Made in the USA. No import tax, no federal tax, no property tax, no sales tax. Currently I go to Paseo de Marianas and notice all the wood carvings are made in Hawaii or the Philippines. Why not here? Any business that is failing in the United States can come here.

What can they do for the CNMI? 1. Create high paying jobs (mandated) 2. Beautify the CNMI (in lieu of paying taxes) 3. Fix the CUC (in lieu of paying taxes) 4. Clean the beaches (in lieu of paying taxes) 5. Save the coral reefs (in lieu of paying taxes). Once the mainlanders come here, investments will soar and you will see high-paying jobs that will get the CNMI out of debt. Don't believe me? It took three years for South Carolina to turn itself around. Property values escalated, homeownership escalated, quality of education escalated. Look up Gov. Carroll Campbell's achievements and you will discover how amazing it is when politicians put the people first instead of their part or their re-election campaign.

Once this is accomplished and things get turned around, market to the U.S. retirees who want nice weather, good medical care, and a quiet safe environment that they can call home. More than a million U.S. retirees live overseas. Why not in the CNMI? You tell me. They have money, a lot of it, and they spend it. But it takes a step from the CNMI government and the locals to come around first before this happens.

Get high quality businesses on this island that pay decent wages, help the community, and attract high quality people who will spend the money in the community and not send it off island monthly. Then the CNMI will turn around.

Keith Brooks
Dandan, Saipan

Do-nothing DPS

My wife and I can certainly feel the frustration and anguish Olga Vyshikeeva is feeling toward DPS. Ms. Vyshikeeva, a Russian tourist, was a victim of a violent mugging and carjacking on Oct. 11, and apparently the DPS criminal investigation team did not take appropriate action toward solving this horrible crime.

Late July of this year, our apartment was broken into and thousands of dollars worth of personal items were stolen. The two police officers that initially responded were very professional in writing up the crime report, and told us that our case would be forwarded to a DPS detective. Over the past several weeks I have made many calls and visits to DPS to inquire about the progress of our case and each time I was told that a detective would get back to me. I even left them two good leads, but never once did anyone from DPS ever get back to me. My wife and I have come to the conclusion that the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau has done absolutely nothing in regards to solving our case. It's almost as if they don't care.

Crime continues to worsen in the CNMI but I just don't see any serious and genuine steps being taken in trying to curb it. One genuine step to take is for DPS to get its house in order. If not, be prepared for the Wild, Wild West.

Jeff Cope
Capital Hill, Saipan

Unsanitary

I applaud the ABC inspector and office for shutting down a restaurant that was recently cited for gross sanitary violation for serving food with a cockroach in it. This happens many times, but if a food is cooked over 140 degrees Fahrenheit, no living organism would survive that heat and certainly the cockroach would have been safe to eat. But the sight of a cockroach in a dish is still gross, no question about it, and this restaurant deserves the consequences of the ABC enforcement.

What I have noticed many times, however, in shared female/male restrooms of small restaurants is the presence of a small pot on top of the wash basin. My curiosity forced me to inquire with servers in these stores about what the small pot was doing in the bathroom. To my amazement, many restaurant servers and employees use the pot as a water container for cleaning after defecating! This tells me that the restaurant is unsanitary, and I never go back to a restaurant that permits this unsanitary practice. I wonder if the ABC inspectors or office have investigated this matter and noted this situation as well. Otherwise, I would alert your readers that when they observe a pot in a restaurant's restroom, that spells out a warning and they should be concerned about their health and safety in patronizing these stores. But then again, you can judge for yourself every time you go to any business establishment and you find a pot in the bathroom. I thought that toilet tissue is the only thing you use to wipe stuff from your behind. But I could be wrong.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Tinian runway ideal

With all its room Tinian's North Field would be the ideal place for Guam's backup 10,000-foot runway. I think the Navy and Department of Defense have screwed Tinian long enough.

Don Swindle
4th Marine Division, WWII

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

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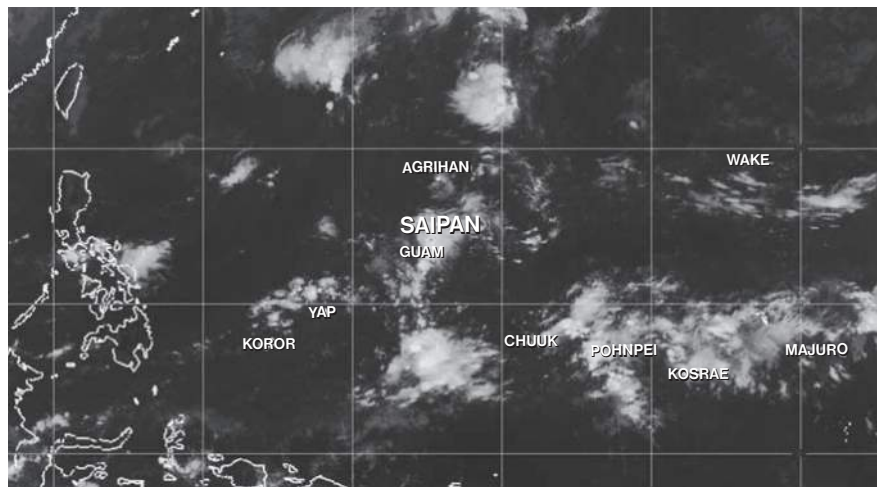
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼57
Beijing	Sunny	▲64	▼40
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼73
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼74
London	Cloudy	▲63	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼54
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲60	▼51
Miami	Showers	▲80	▼72
New York	Ice	▲42	▼33
Osaka	Showers	▲71	▼60
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼49
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼57
Rome	Sunny	▲76	▼53
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼41
San Francisco	Sunny	▲75	▼56
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼45
Tokyo	Showers	▲69	▼59
Washington, DC	Ice	▲45	▼37

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough cuts across the northwest corner of the discussion area from 15N130E to a low-level circulation centered near Iwo To Island at 25N141E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present near the trough well north of Palau between 17N and 21N from 131E to 135E and also near the circulation over Iwo To island or north of a line from 24N138E to 24N142E. An upper-level trough curves northwestward from an upper low centered southwest of Chuuk at 5N144E to another upper low centered over the Northern CNMI at 19N145E. The upper trough then meanders northeastward to beyond 180 at 24N. Divergent upper winds south of the low over the northern CNMI are triggering isolated to scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near the southern Marianas within 90 miles of a line from 12N141E to 15N145E. Similar weather is also occurring near the trough southwest of Minami Torishima within 150 miles of a line from 25N150E to 14N154E and also near Wake Island within 100 miles of a line from 19N166E to 16N176E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near the upper low southwest of Chuuk between 3N and 9N from 144E to 151E. A weak circulation is centered southwest of Pohnpei near 5N157E. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen over Pohnpei between 3N and 10N from 155E to 161E. A tropical disturbance is centered near Majuro at 7N171E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are evident near this system between Kosrae and Kwajalein and also over Majuro within 145 miles of a line from 10N163E to 4N170E to 11N179E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:01 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
9:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:30 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
8:26 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM
Tuesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Wednesday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:26 AM	8:02 PM
Sunday	9:28 AM	9:03 PM
Monday	10:26 AM	10:03 PM
Tuesday	11:18 AM	11:00 PM
Wednesday	12:05 PM	11:54 PM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa
(east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.
Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan
Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service
located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 29, 1999

Ships carrying nuke wastes sailed near CNMI waters
The chairman of the House Federal and Foreign Relations Committee yesterday expressed concern over the potential impact of allowing ships carrying nuclear wastes to pass within the territorial waters of the CNMI without informing the island government. Rep. Melvin O. Faisao said the federal government should have brought to the attention of the Commonwealth on instances when it permits these ships to pass in the Western Pacific regionAccording to Faisao, based on the information received by his office, there ships carrying "large amounts of weapons grade plutonium" that sailed from Europe to Japan on July 2 and came within a few hundreds miles of the CNMI—with U.S. blessing.

New youth center opens
Community volunteers, including government officials, school principals, teachers, and youth leaders will make themselves available at the newly opened Youth Learning Center for free tutorial services to students who need academic assistance. The new youth center, a brainchild of Rep. Malua T. Peter, opened its doors Wednesday. "The youth learning center is an after-school program that will focus on tutoring, and guidance counseling," Peter said. "The program envisions strong collaborative relationships with schools and local social programs serving our youth and families." Volunteer tutors offer to help students who are having trouble with basic writing and reading in English and Math.

Oct. 29, 2001

NMI sees rising cases of diabetes
The number of diabetes cases in the CNMI is going up, as the disease remains one of the leading causes of death in the Commonwealth. Department of Public Health Medical Director Richard Brostrom said the situation in the CNMI does not reflect the trend in the mainland US where diabetes cases are reportedly declining. Although the DPH's statistical report on the health status at the Commonwealth is still pending, Brostrom said there have been more than 50 deaths caused by diabetes or its complications this year. Last year, diabetes mortality reached 45. Of this number, 25 and 14 died due to heart disease and stroke, respectively, while six died directly from the disease.

Residents oppose PCB treatment plan
A group of Tanapag residents has threatened to hold mass demonstrations against the on-site treatment of some 20,000 tons of soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl, a day after they walked out from a meeting with government officials to discuss about the plan. Tanapag Action Group Chair Juan Tenorio said they will stage a rally to express opposition against the on-site treatment of PCB-contaminated soil proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The proposal was conditionally approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency. "We started organizing a [series of] mass, community demonstrations," disclosed Tenorio. He said the indignation rally will be staged within a week and a half's time.

Oct. 29, 2002

FEMA OKs $1 million for Rota
The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved more than $1 million in federal funds to reimburse government and public entities on Rota. These funds-for the cost of repairing public property as a result of damage caused by Tropical Storm Chata'an-will reimburse 75 percent of disaster-related expenses, including road improvements and repair of infrastructure for facilities. FEMA's Public Assistance Program enables government entities to apply for help with the cost of repairing or replacing disaster-damaging infrastructure to its pre-existing condition. Eligible costs include those associated with debris removal, emergency protective measures and repairing disaster-damaged roads, bridges, public buildings and public utilities.

NMC pilot classroom for literacy program pushed
A literacy program classroom that would also serve as daycare center for student parents is being pushed by the Northern Marianas College's Adult Basic Education Program. ABE Director Fe Calixterio said the pilot project is part of the goals to expand the college's family literacy program. Under the plan, the classroom will be equipped with computers and other necessary tools to promote family literacy. "It will ultimately benefit our students. They can drop their children there and get them back after class," Calixterio said.

Maharlika

'Decision to go home is up to each worker'

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The Philippine Consulate General on Saipan is not forcing any Filipino worker to go home as the Nov. 27 deadline to petition foreign workers for a CW status draws near.

"It's the Filipino worker's decision to go home or not," Consul General Medardo Macaraig said in an interview at his office yesterday.

Macaraig pointed out that the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila, through their office, is providing repatriation assistance only to those who seek help by way of written request.

"We're not sending anyone home unless they write and ask for help," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

In fact, Macaraig said, they cannot force home the seven individuals who, after asking for repatriation assistance and being approved, decided to withdraw their requests.

"Can we tie them up and force them to leave? No. So it's not true that we're forcing them to go home. Ultimately, it will be the Filipino worker who will make that decision," said Macaraig, adding that he already asked the seven individuals to put in writing that they are withdrawing their request for repatriation funding.

Macaraig

According to Macaraig, over 30 individuals have already sought assistance from the Consulate since the release of the CNMI-only transitional worker rule last Sept. 7.

"While it slightly increased, it has not yet reached the alarming proportions that we have expected," he added.

The Consul General emphasized that their message to the Filipino community remains the same: that their three options in light of the current situation in the CNMI include staying and working legally on the islands, finding job opportunities in another foreign country, and going back to the Philippines to work or start their own business.

As for providing other assistance besides repatriation funding, Macaraig reiterated that DFA provides assistance mostly for labor-related cases and not immigration. He disclosed that they are currently working on getting updates on some of the labor cases that a number of Filipinos have filed in the past.

"We will provide assistance within the limits that the law—both the Philippine law and diplomatic agreements—has prescribed," he said.

While he welcomes other opinions and pronouncements, including that of Filipino-American lawyer Loida Nicolas Lewis, Macaraig said that his message to Filipinos remains the same as what he had said in prior interviews with television, radio, and newspapers.

"Anybody who can help Filipinos are welcome," he added.

Macaraig said he understands the desire for the "American dream" among Filipinos. However, the CNMI situation is "something different" because of the lack of economic opportunities due to the recession.

"USCIS has put the cap for foreign workers under CW status at 22,416 and that's more than enough for everyone, including Filipinos. Then again, the problem is that a lot of foreign workers cannot avail of this status because they can't find work," he explained.

Consulate sees high participation in registration for overseas voting

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Consul General Medardo Macaraig expects green-card holders, dual citizens, and U.S.-born individuals who recently turned 18 to come in droves for the start of registration and certification of qualified overseas absentee voters starting next week.

The process will allow these groups to vote during the May 13, 2013, Philippine national elections.

"Some of them have already approached us and are looking forward to registering in order to participate in the 2013 election," Macaraig told *Saipan Tribune*.

The registration and certification process will be conducted from Nov. 2, 2011, until Oct. 31, 2012, during regular office days from 8am to 6pm. It will also be conducted during the remaining schedule for the One-Saturday or Sunday-A-Month service, which is on Nov. 19 and Dec. 18, from 9am to 4pm.

Registration requirements for overseas absentee voting are a valid Philippine passport and an accomplished OAV Form No. 1, which can be obtained at the Consulate or downloaded and printed from the Commission on Election website, www.comelec.gov.ph/.

Macaraig said he is pleased that many individuals belonging to different categories of qualified voters have already expressed their desire to vote.

"Surely, the registration will keep us busy at the Consulate besides other consular services," he added.

Former houseworker counts her blessings

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In the three years that she has worked for Sierra's Pearl Shake, food attendant Cora Quiachon has learned by heart the faces of customers who frequent her kiosk at the ground floor of Joeten Dandan building.

"Good morning, *ate*," says a local male patron as he approached the store and greeted Quiachon on Tuesday. "What do you have for today?"

Quiachon replies, "I reserved two bags of granny's cookies for you. I hid them from others because I know you like them. *Papalatong*, no?"

The two shared a hearty chuckle. According to Quiachon, the man works for a tour company and buys snacks whenever he's in the area.

Quiachon, 48, said that life as a food attendant is far more relaxed and simpler than working as a live-in houseworker and caregiver.

"For one, I have free time after work so I can go wherever I want," she said. "But I do miss my old work from time to time because I have been lucky with my employers, both past and present."

A native of Cebu City, Quiachon said her first experience as a houseworker began in the Philippines when she worked for a female Chinese employer while attending school.

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Food attendant Cora Quiachon mans the Sierra's Pearl Shake at the Joeten Dandan site.

Pressed by her desire to help provide for her family, Quiachon dropped out of her secretarial course at the University of San Jose and work full time for her boss. Besides helping out in the household, she was also entrusted with money collection duties for her employer's wholesaling business.

It was in 1991 when Quiachon moved to Saipan. The third of seven children, Quiachon disclosed how she asked her religious mother to pray for her and help her get a job to better their lives. Her cousin, who was already on island, found her a job as a caregiver.

"Thank God I've only served as caregiver for three local employers in the 20 years I've been on Saipan," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "All of them were related and I'm lucky that they have all been very kind to me."

Quiachon said Filipinos in general are very caring when it comes to senior citizens, "which is why being a caregiver came naturally to me."

Patience and understanding top her list of the qualities needed to become a good caregiver. "We should try to identify with the elderly and try to understand their situation because they're already old," she added.

Among her previous employers, Quiachon said, was the family of the late Estefania Sablan San Nicolas, whom she took care of until she passed away. She continues to visit her former charge's grave on her birthday and All Soul's Day.

"It's my way of letting them know how much I appreciate them," Quiachon said. "The family has been very kind to me, even to the point of paying for my vacation in 2008 and giving me a netbook as a gift in 2009."

Quiachon's earnings as a caregiver enabled her to support the education of one of her siblings, who is now a teacher. These days, her earnings support the schooling of her nieces and nephews.

"I help them because I know the value of education. I want them to study hard. As long as I have work, I will help them so they can graduate and find better jobs," she said.

Quiachon admits learning to love her new job. "I get to meet a lot of people. I enjoy that. Also, you have to have a smile on your face to welcome customers. Smile, even though you have problems in life."

Given the choice, Quiachon would like to stay on Saipan permanently. "I've been here for 20 years. I've been lucky with my employers, I was able to support my family, I enjoy the island very much."

Since uncertainties linger, Quiachon said she will start saving up so she's prepared whatever happens. "I'll be eternally grateful for all the good things that Saipan has given to me and my family," she concluded.

Peso closes stronger Thursday

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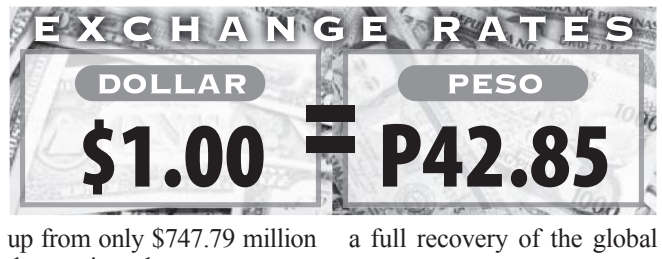
MANILA, Philippines—The peso closed stronger on Thursday to break into the 42-to-a-dollar level, as financial markets worldwide welcomed the agreements made by European leaders on how to finally resolve the crisis in the Euro zone.

The local currency closed at its intraday high of 42.85 against the US dollar on Thursday, marking its strongest finish in about seven weeks, after European leaders delivered a commitment to come up with a firm set of anti-crisis measures.

The latest close was up by 34 centavos from Wednesday's finish of 43.205:$1. Intraday low settled at 43.275:$1.

Volume of trade breached the $1-billion mark, amounting to $1.59 billion. This was up from only $747.79 million the previous day.



Traders said the appreciation of the peso came together with the rise of other emerging market currencies. They said the favorable development in the Euro zone prompted fund owners to invest in portfolio assets from emerging markets like the Philippines.

The development gave hope that the eurozone crisis would eventually be solved, thus increasing the chances for the global economy to post firmer recovery from the 2009 recession.

Traders said the peso and other emerging market currencies benefited from the favorable news, as investors believed that the ill-effects of the crisis in the West would be tempered.

The eurozone is one of the biggest export markets for emerging economies like the Philippines.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said the package of reforms announced by European leaders is expected to temporarily calm financial markets.

He said the BSP, like other central banks, is hopeful that all parties involved in the European agreement would deliver on their promised measures so that the road to recovery would finally be smooth.

"This morning we saw broad positive reaction from the market. But as they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating," Tetangco said.

World Bank Group president Robert B. Zoellick, who was in Manila Thursday, said in a press conference that the agreement made in the eurozone was good news and that the World Bank hopes this would lay the foundation for a full recovery of the global economy.

Included in the anti-crisis measures agreed upon by European leaders is to let holders of Greece's bonds, led by banks, to absorb a 50-percent loss in their investments. European policymakers said banks have to take a hit or else Greece would be insolvent, something that would create worse economic effects.

Italy likewise committed to accelerate its debt reduction so that fears of a contagion of the crisis would be reduced.

Moreover, the International Monetary Fund is expected to provide more financial assistance to debt-ridden countries in the Euro zone to continue regaining confidence of investors.

The European Central bank likewise agreed to continue purchasing bonds from the secondary market to help inject needed liquidity.

Local govts getting involved in serving overseas Filipinos

MANILA—The public is accustomed to seeing acronyms such as POEA, OWWA, DOLE, and DFA in news items whenever there are issues facing overseas Filipinos.

But slowly emerging is an acronym that is becoming part of the alphabet soup of government actors helping the country's major dollar earners: LGUs (local government units).

LGUs include provinces, cities, and municipalities—all given local autonomy two decades ago to address local issues and directly provide services that national government agencies do in the pre-democracy era.

In the case of overseas migration, obviously a national issue, line agencies such as the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, and ministry-level agencies such as the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Foreign Affairs are at the forefront of addressing overseas Filipino-related concerns.

While overseas migration-related services are something that the 1991 Local Government Code did not provide (unlike other devolved services such as health, agriculture, among others), some LGUs are independently operating services for their overseas migrant constituents, or are collaborating with the national migration agencies.

Three policy briefs produced by the nonprofit Institute for Migration and Development Issues provide such examples of increasing local government involvement for overseas Filipinos.

One is through the local public employment service office, PESO, which was actually mandated by a law to facilitate local folk's search for domestic and overseas jobs, wrote IMDI policy analyst Nerissa Camille Natalicio.

Given such role by the local PESO, the local government can actually issue regulations governing the hiring of local residents for overseas employment, Natalicio added.

In case overseas Filipinos (particularly migrant workers) and their families from a said hometown face problems, some LGUs' social welfare and development offices (SWDOs) can directly serve them, IMDI policy analyst Maria Patrese Claveria wrote.

Take the case of the fourth-class municipality of Cuenca in Batangas, a town with an estimated 1,429 overseas Cuencueños: with prodding from a non-government group, Atikha, Cuenca's SWDO has been operating an OFW (overseas Filipino workers) Desk for over a year now. That desk is organizing migrant families, does some counseling services, and makes house-to-house welfare visits.

And if overseas Filipinos feel that their hometown is concerned for their welfare, it might be easy to lure them to invest back home, says IMDI policy analyst Paula Jane Escasinas in her policy brief.

It might also need some ingenuity on the part of these hometowns, Escasinas added, citing the case of Ilocos Norte province.

In 2009, the provincial council (*sangguniang bayan*) enacted provincial ordinance 042-2009, or "An Ordinance Providing for Benefits and Investment Benefits for Balikbayans."

If an overseas Ilocano, whether a migrant worker or a permanent resident abroad, wants to invest in Ilocos Norte, they will get discounts on hospital fees, rental of provincial government-operated facilities, lease of provincial buses and coasters, and certifying official records issued by the provincial government.

That is on top of what the province's local investment code provides: tax breaks for certain levels of investment in the province, Escasinas' policy brief wrote.

Serving overseas Filipinos and their families can be a "corollary strategy" by the LGU while it pursues improving the overall efforts at running local hometowns, a fourth IMDI policy brief, written by Jeremaiah Opiniano, wrote.

Global migration analysts have remarked the Philippines' national-level migration bureaucracy as a global model in managing the overseas migration phenomenon.

But with the slowly-growing involvement of LGUs, this development "will be the next phase of the Philippines' management of the overseas migration phenomenon," Opiniano wrote.

LGUs, even though they are considered a minor actor in migration management, are the "slowly emerging actors in migration and development," a book by the Scalabrini Migration Center wrote.

As the Philippines currently has an estimated 8.5 million Filipinos scattered in over-220 countries and territories, the nation's local government units are celebrating today the 20th year of local autonomy that the 1991 Local Government Code (Republic Act 7160) mandated. ***(Institute for Migration and Development Issues)***

PHILIPPINE BRIEFS

World Bank backs Philippine reforms, commits funds

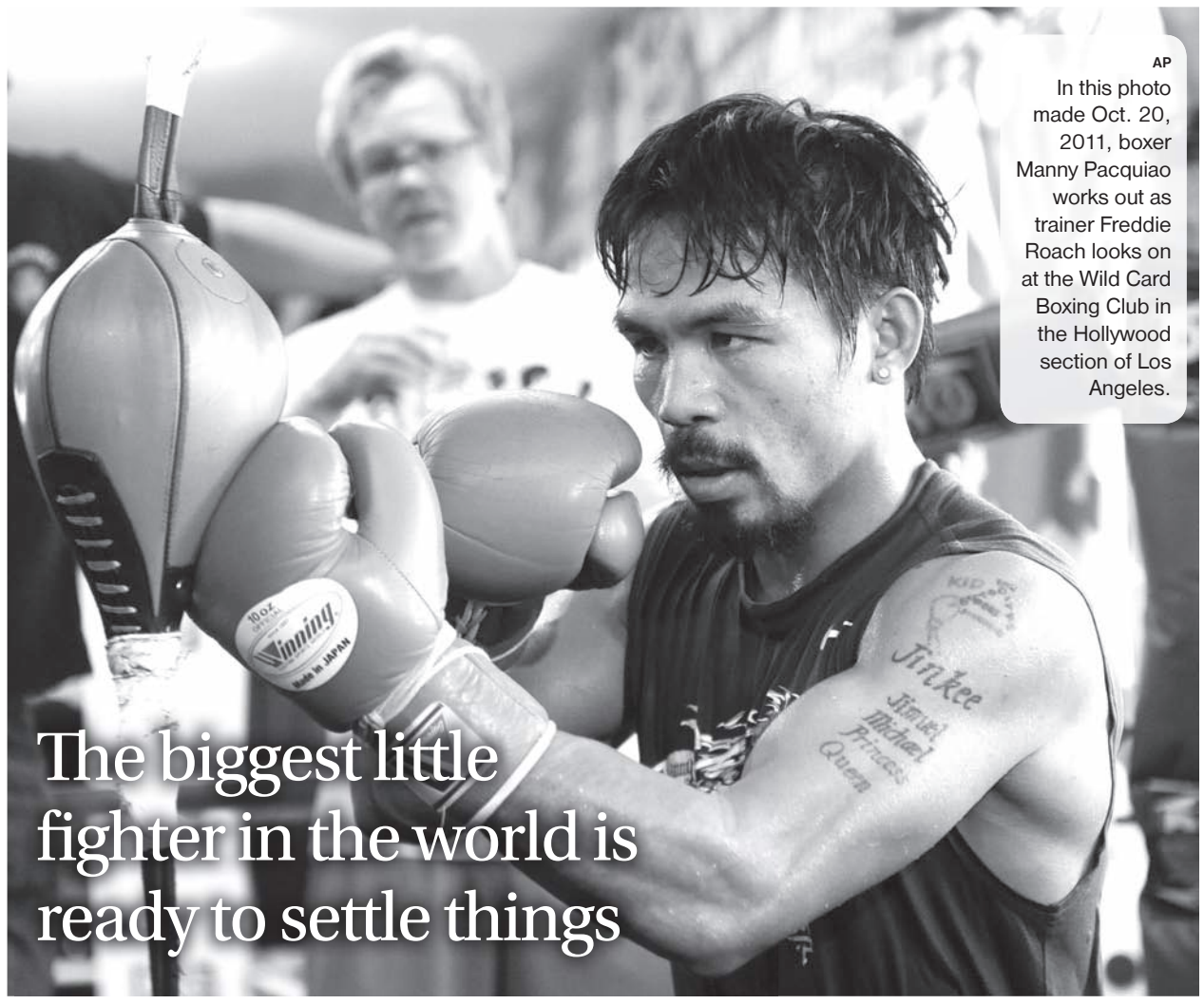
MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The World Bank says it supports Philippine President Benigno Aquino III's reforms, including fighting corruption, and is extending a $500 million credit line that can be rapidly drawn in case of major natural disasters. The bank's president, Robert Zoellick, also said he assured Aquino during their meeting Thursday of a new $2 million grant to help disaster-prone Philippines gain access to global best practices in reducing disaster risks. He praised Aquino's attention to stopping corruption and making more efficient use of resources to overcome poverty. Zoellick says good governance is vital if a country wants to accelerate growth to benefit all. Zoellick says the bank stands ready to assist the Philippines' infrastructure and investment plans.

Bomb blast kills 1, wounds 5 in Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP)—A bomb blast has killed a bystander and wounded five others in the southern Philippine port city of Zamboanga. Zamboanga police chief Senior Supt. Edwin de Ocampo says two other homemade bombs were safely defused in the city's Sangali village late Wednesday. He says the explosion occurred near a small restaurant and police station and damaged nearby stores. No group has claimed responsibility for the blast. The city has been hit by deadly bomb attacks blamed on al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants in the past.

Philippine troops kill 4 communist rebels

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine army chief says troops killed four communist guerrillas in a clash in a northern province. Lt. Gen. Arturo Ortiz says the army suffered no casualties in the encounter early Thursday in Cagayan province's Baggao township. He says troops recovered two assault rifles and a shotgun from the site of the clash. Soldiers aided by canine trackers are pursuing the New People's Army rebels. It was the latest setback for the rebels since losing eight fighters two weeks earlier in northern Abra province. Guerrillas have seized dozens of firearms this month in separate raids on three mining companies and a banana plantation in the southern Philippines. Norwegian-brokered peace negotiations to end the decades-old insurgency have stalled.



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In this photo made Oct. 20, 2011, boxer Manny Pacquiao works out as trainer Freddie Roach looks on at the Wild Card Boxing Club in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

The biggest little fighter in the world is ready to settle things

By LANCE PUGMIRE
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LOS ANGELES—Manny Pacquiao has listened to Juan Manuel Marquez's complaints almost from the moment a Nevada State Athletic Commission judge scored that Pacquiao defeated Marquez, 114-113, in their March 15, 2008, rematch.

Judge Tom Miller's scorecard settled alternate 115-112 scores by Duane Ford (for Pacquiao) and Jerry Roth (for Marquez) in a narrow match most likely decided by Pacquiao's third-round knockdown of his rival from Mexico.

When they fought in 2004, the gritty, gifted counterpuncher Marquez overcame being knocked down three times in the first round to score a draw. He has since flown to Pacquiao's Philippines wearing a T-shirt reading he'd beaten the national hero twice, and has long beaten the drum to get this third fight.

Now, he has it, on Nov. 12 at MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas, much to the delight of Pacquiao (53-3-2, 38 knockouts), who took a break in training at Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood to discuss Marquez and his future.

Question: Last I heard, you didn't even wait for the opening news conference in the Philippines to start training for Marquez. You really can't stand this guy?

Answer: "I'm focused on making my strength and speed be the best they can be. It's harder to train (in the Philippines), it's high altitude—it's hard to breathe the air is so thin where I go, at 7,000 feet (above sea level). But it helps my stamina and energy, which I want to be very strong in this fight."

Q. You know enough about boxing history to know the third fight in a rematch defines what fighter in the series is remembered as the better man. Is that how you're treating this fight?

A. "I'm always dedicated in my training, but this fight is real important to me. Because it's our third fight—our last fight—I have to end all the issues, all the doubts in people's minds about beating him. I know I need to be in 100 percent condition to do that. You always hear me say I want to make people happy, make people satisfied with my fights. I want to be happy too."

Q. Do Marquez and his fan base have a case when he says he beat you twice?

A. "I do not blame Marquez or his fans. Yes, the fights were close. This fight will not be close."

Q. We're hearing Marquez's training camp in the mountains of Mexico is going as well as possible. Your response?

A. "I'm expecting he's trained as hard as he can. I'll never underestimate this fight. He needs this fight badly. That's why I'm doing what I'm doing. On Nov. 12, you'll see a high level of boxing in that ring."

Q. The sport needs that after three straight months of weird endings in big bouts. What were your thoughts on how Floyd Mayweather Jr. knocked out Victor Ortiz just as a fourth-round break was ending last month?

A. "Ortiz was starting to give him some trouble that round, but then he head-butted Mayweather and tried to be too nice of a guy, trying to hug Floyd. He (Mayweather) showed no sportsmanship, but that's legal what he did. It's a good example, a lesson, that you can't be nice in the ring. You can say you're sorry, but keep your hands up here (at the top of his head). I don't know why Ortiz headbutted Floyd. He got angry, caught up in the moment—another lesson."

Q. Floyd has a criminal case hanging over him with a hearing Dec. 21, but if that can either get resolved quickly or delayed beyond May, your promoter Bob Arum says the drug-testing and co-promotional issues that previously stopped this fight from happening are now solvable. Are you ready for that fight?

A. "Whoever I have to fight the rest of my career, I'm happy and satisfied with what I've done. I don't need somebody else to be satisfied with what I've done. I don't need to be looking for, or chasing, a fight. I want the fight, but I cannot force him to take it. He has to show he wants to fight me."

Q. Do you pay attention to how much of this sport revolves around you? Last week, HBO Sports replaced its president with the guy who had you on at Showtime's last fight. Middleweight champion Sergio Martinez says he wants to fight you. Junior-welterweight champion Timothy Bradley left his promoter, and turned down more than $1 million to fight Amir Khan, thinking he has a shot to be your next opponent.

A. "That's my promoter's problem. Whatever the TV stations do is up to them. My job is to prepare for fights, to get in shape and put on a good show. If Sergio Martinez can get to 147 pounds, why not? We can negotiate a weight. I really don't know anything about Bradley's style, but I'll fight him. OK? Have a nice day."

Samu't Sari

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

RED RIBBON WEEK

Over 200 students from Hopwood Junior High School have their picture taken with principal Jonas Barcinas, U. S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, CNMI Customs director Jesus Muna, DPS officers Nick Leon Guerrero and Antonio Kaipat, and ATF special agent John Quintanilla after a Red Ribbon Week presentation at the campus. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment for the creation of a drug-free America.

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Over 160 students of the Garapan Elementary School, with school principal Paulette Sablan and teachers, have their picture taken after participating in a Red Ribbon Week presentation on Thursday. U. S. Attorney Alicia A.G. Limtiaco was joined by CNMI Customs director Jesus Muna, DPS officers Nick Leon Guerrero and Antonio Kaipat, and ATF special agent John Quintanilla to make the presentations that emphasized intolerance toward the use of drugs.

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About 100 students from Saipan Southern High School pose with principal Jess Tudela and Red Ribbon Week representatives after a presentation at the school on Thursday. The Red Ribbon Campaign was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered Kiki Camarena, a DEA agent, in 1985. His friends, family and co-workers wanted to remember Kiki by wearing red ribbons.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Belated happy birthday to Michael Thomas Chong Muna in Humble, Texas, who celebrated his 14th birthday yesterday. We love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Kindu, Michaelle, Jennifer, and Jarrod!

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Happy birthday to our good friend Allyson Cruz, who will be celebrating his birthday tomorrow, Oct. 30. Wishing you good health, happiness and more birthdays to come! Lots of love from iFashion Salon staff, Todo Otso, and friends

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POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Saipan Southern High School's Lallane Guiao, fourth from right, and Hopwood Jr. High School's Mikhail Alcantara, far right, are joined by other winners of the 2011 Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition and Humanities Council Board Member Marla Barcinas at the American Memorial Park on Oct. 25.

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Mikhail Alcantara of Hopwood Jr. High School poses with his father Jerry, mother Joy, and sister Jan Kimberly after being hailed as the 2011 Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition Junior Division champion last Tuesday.

Business

Summer growth calms recession fears: Will it last?

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—A summer of modest economic growth is helping dispel lingering fears that another recession might be near.

Whether the strength can be sustained is less certain.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.5 percent in the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday. But the growth was fueled by Americans who spent more while earning less and by businesses that invested in machines and computers, not workers.

The expansion, the best quarterly growth in a year, came as a relief after anemic growth in the first half of the year, weeks of wild stock market shifts and the weakest consumer confidence since the height of the Great Recession.

The economy would have to grow at nearly double the third-quarter pace to make a dent in the unemployment rate, which has stayed near 9 percent since the recession officially ended more than two years ago.

For the more than 14 million Americans who are out of work and want a job, that's discouraging news. And for President Barack Obama and incumbent members of Congress, it means they'll be facing voters with unemployment near 9 percent.

"It is still a very weak economy out there," said David Wyss, former chief economist at Standard & Poor's.

For now, the report on U.S. gross domestic product, or GDP, sketched a more optimistic picture for an economy that only two months ago seemed at risk of another recession.

And it came on the same day that European leaders announced a deal in which banks would take 50 percent losses on Greek debt and raise new capital to protect against defaults on sovereign debt.

Stocks surged on the European deal and maintained their gains after the report on U.S. growth was released. The Dow Jones rose 340 points to close at 12,209. The Dow hadn't closed above 12,000 since Aug. 1. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is close to having its best month since 1974.

If higher stock prices lead consumers to feel more confident about their wealth, they may spend more. That could help sustain economic growth.

The GDP report measures the country's total output of goods and services. It covers everything from bicycles to battleships, as well as services such as haircuts and doctor's visits.

Some economists doubt the economy can maintain its modest third-quarter pace.

U.S. lawmakers are debating deep cuts in federal spending next year that would drag on growth. And state and local governments have been slashing budgets for more than a year.

Obama's $447 billion jobs plan was blocked by Republicans, meaning that a Social Security tax cut that put an extra $1,000 to $2,000 this year in most American's pockets could expire in January.

So could extended unemployment benefits. They have been a key source of income for many people out of work for more than six months.

Nor is the economy likely to get a lift from the depressed housing market. Typically, home construction drives growth during an economic recovery. But builders have been contributing much less to the economy this time.

Wyss said that the collapse of housing had probably depressed annual growth by as much as 1.5 percentage points in the past two years.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist for Capital Economics, predicts that growth will cool in the fourth quarter and next year.

"While our baseline forecast does not include an outright contraction, we expect GDP growth to average a very lackluster 1.5% next year," Ashworth said in a note to clients.

Other economists are a bit more optimistic. The breakthrough in Europe could help, as long as a final deal is implemented. At a minimum, that would remove what many economists had considered a major threat to the U.S. economy.

Few are changing their forecast based on the deal because they had already assumed an agreement would be reached.

AP

In this Sept. 29, 2011 file photo, a shopper carrying bags is silhouetted at a mall in Los Angeles.

Eurozone wins respite, but it could be brief

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—With their late-night deal to cut Greece's debt and support other wobbly countries, European leaders bought time to work out more lasting solutions to the crisis plaguing the euro currency bloc. What they do with that time will determine whether this summit succeeds where many others have failed.

Thursday's three-pronged deal at long last appears to have met or beaten expectations for some kind of decisive action, judging by stock market rallies in Europe and around the world. It retools the eurozone's underpowered bailout fund, calls on banks to take 50 percent losses on Greek bonds and orders them to raise €106 billion in new capital by June.

"The summit is likely to be the corner from where the odds start to change in the right direction," said Erik Nielsen, global chief economist at Unicredit.

But European leaders will have to work out the complex financial details quickly and skillfully. It's unclear whether the bailout fund changes will be enough to prop up Italian and Spanish banks, or whether the bond writedown will be enough to pull Greece from the brink.

Along with that, countries with sluggish economies, particularly Italy, will have to show that they are becoming better places to do business and improving growth—the key to paying down debt in the long run.

So the debt crisis is still far from over. But with luck the eurozone's 17 governments might get a chance to work on it for a while without fear that a single misstep will take the shared currency over the edge.

The respite could be short if they return to the fudges and procrastination that have so far marked their response to the crisis, which broke out just over two years ago when Greece admitted to the EU statistics agency that its finances were much worse than reported.

Since then, more than a dozen late-night summits and carefully negotiated and crafted statements have failed to get ahead of market fears that Greece would default on its debts and sink the banking system and the wider economy. The crisis also took down Ireland and Portugal, which like Greece were forced to take a bailout because they couldn't borrow affordably and faced default on maturing bonds.

Eurozone crisis plan

Eurozone leaders meeting in Brussels worked out an agreement to fix the nation's debt crisis. A look at the economies of the 17 Eurozone nations:

	Growth: Annual percent change in GDP, 2010	Debt: Government annual debt as a percentage of GDP, 2010	Deficit: Government debt as a percentage of GDP, 2010
Austria	2.0%	–4.6%	72.3%
Belgium	2.2	–4.1	96.8
Cyprus	1.0	–5.3	60.8
Estonia	3.1	0.1	6.6
Finland	3.1	–2.5	48.4
France	1.6	–7.0	81.7
Germany	3.6	–3.3	83.2
Greece	–4.5	–10.5	142.8
Ireland	–1.0	–32.4	96.2
Italy	1.3	–4.6	119.0
Lux.	3.5	–1.7	18.4
Malta	3.7	–3.6	68.0
Neth.	1.8	–5.4	62.7
Portugal	1.3	–9.1	93.0
Slovakia	4.0	–7.9	41.0
Slovenia	1.2	–5.6	38.0
Spain	–0.1	–9.2	60.1

Emergency deal highlights

- Greek debt held in private banks will be written off at 50 percent of their return rate; an effort to drive the nation's debt down to 120 percent by 2020
- Main bailout fund, the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) will be boosted from 440 billion euros ($616 billion) to one trillion euros ($1.4 trillion)
- European banks required to raise 160 billion euros ($224 billion) by June 2012 to help shield countries larger than Greece from default

Source: Eurostat, BBC

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Marlboro Man meets moisturizer

By MAE ANDERSON
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NEW YORK (AP)—Everyone wants flawless skin, flat abs and a fab rear. But men don't always admit it.

So, companies that sell products promising to help guys lose weight, conceal bloat and enhance skin have to walk a fine line between men's vanity and masculinity. But how do you market moisturizer to the Marlboro Man?

Dove plays the theme song to the 1930s TV western "The Lone Ranger" and compares guys' skin with cowhide in commercials for its men's shower gel. Weight Watchers uses TV spots with trimmed-down singer Jennifer Hudson to market to women, but opts for average Joes talking about drinking beer and grilling meat in ads for its weight loss program for men. Dr Pepper is more overt in ads for its diet soda targeted toward men with the tagline: "It's not for women."

The ads come as guys of all ages are succumbing to growing pressure to suck in their guts and hide their blemishes. In one of the biggest signs that men are more image-conscious, the number of chemical peels, laser hair removal and other cosmetic procedures on men is up 45 percent since 2000, according to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

"Back in the day, guys cared more about working hard and providing than having a hairy chest or a beer belly," said Brian McCarthy, 32, a Philadelphian who works out regularly and uses hair pomade. "Guys worry more about their appearance than they used to."

Fashion and pop culture have a lot to do with the change. The ultra-slim silhouette and skinny jeans that hit the high-fashion world several years ago have infiltrated men's departments in mainstream stores like Banana Republic and Old Navy. And because of social media websites like Facebook and Twitter, men constantly are confronted with photos of fit male celebs like singer Justin Timberlake and actor Will Smith.

The U.S. economic downturn even plays a role. With unemployment around 9 percent, men looking for a job have to make sure their look is as polished as their resume. "The better you look, the more you're going to earn," said Deborah Mitchell, executive director for the Center for Brand and Product Management at the University of Wisconsin School of Business. "Men are increasingly thinking `Wow, I need to look good or look young.'"

That doesn't mean men want the whole world to know.

Dove officials had that in mind when they launched a line of shower gels for men. The brand, a unit of Unilever, had been synonymous with women since the 1950s. But when Dove rolled out the Men+Care line of lighter-scented shower gels, it used a more "manly" approach to marketing.

The "Manthem," which was launched during the Super Bowl in 2010, showed a man's journey through life from conception to age 30. In another ad, the theme music for "The Lone Ranger" plays as a deep male voice urges men to use Dove shower gel to moisturize their "man hide," which it says dries out like cowhide. Then, the voiceover implores men to not be bashful: "Be comfortable in your own skin."

Nation

Injured vet spent day at work, nights at protest

By TERRY COLLINS and JASON DEAREN
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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The Iraq War veteran injured during a clash between police and anti-Wall Street protesters this week wasn't taking part in the demonstrations out of economic need.

The 24-year-old Scott Olsen makes a good living as a network engineer and has a nice apartment overlooking San Francisco Bay. And yet, his friends say, he felt so strongly about economic inequality in the United States that he fought for overseas that he slept at a protest camp after work.

"He felt you shouldn't wait until something is affecting you to get out and do something about it," said friend and roommate Keith Shannon, who served with Olsen in Iraq.

It was that feeling that drew him to Oakland on Tuesday night, when the clashes broke out and Olsen's skull was fractured. Fellow veterans said Olsen was struck in the head by a projectile fired by police, although the exact object and who might have been responsible for the injury have not been definitively established.

AP

In this photo taken Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, 24-year-old Iraq War veteran Scott Olsen lays on the ground bleeding from a head wound after being struck by a by a projectile during an Occupy Wall Street protest in Oakland, Calif.

Now, even as officials investigate exactly where the projectile came from, Olsen has become a rallying cry for the Occupy Wall Street demonstrators across the nation, with Twitter users and protest websites declaring, "We are all Scott Olsen."

In Las Vegas, a few dozen protesters held a vigil for him. A handful of police officers attended, and protesters invited them back for a potluck dinner Thursday night.

"We renewed our vow of nonviolence," organizer Sebring Frehner said.

Another round of vigils were organized for Thursday night, including one in Oakland, where a crowd of at least 1,000 people gathered, many holding candles.

Elsewhere across the United States, officials took steps to close some of the protest camps that have sprung up in opposition to growing economic inequality.

In Nashville, Tenn., officials imposed a curfew, saying conditions at a camp at the state Capitol were worsening. In Providence, R.I., officials told protesters they were violating multiple city laws by camping overnight at a park.

The group Iraq Veterans Against the War blamed police for Olsen's injury. Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan said officials will investigate whether officers used excessive force. He did not return calls seeking comment Thursday.

Police have said they responded with tear gas and bean bag rounds only when protesters began throwing bottles and other items at them.

Olsen's condition improved Thursday, with doctors transferring him from the emergency room to an intensive care unit and upgrading his condition to fair.

Dr. Alden Harken, chief surgeon at Alameda County Medical Center, said Olsen was still unable to speak but had improved dramatically since he was hospitalized unconscious with a fractured skull and bruised brain that caused seizures.

By Thursday afternoon, Harken said, Olsen was interacting with his parents, who flew in from Wisconsin in the morning, doing math equations and otherwise showing signs of "high-level cognitive functioning." The doctor said he may require surgery, but that's unlikely.

"He's got a relatively small area of injury and he's got his youth going for him. So both of those are very favorable," Harken said.

Olsen smiled when Mayor Jean Quan stopped by to visit and expressed surprise at all the attention his injury has generated, hospital spokesman Vintage Foster said. The mayor apologized and promised an investigation, according to Foster.

His uncle in Wisconsin told The Associated Press that Olsen's mother was trying to understand what had happened.

"This is obviously a heartbreaker to her," George Nygaard said. "I don't think she understands why he was doing this."

On Tuesday night, Olsen had planned to be at the San Francisco protest, but he changed course after his veterans' group decided to support protesters in Oakland after police cleared an encampment outside City Hall.

"I think it was a last-minute thing," Shannon said.

Army Ranger killed on 14th deployment to war zone

By JULIE WATSON
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SAN DIEGO (AP)—A soldier who was killed in a bomb explosion last week in Afghanistan was on his 14th combat deployment—including four tours in Iraq and 10 in Afghanistan—making him the Army Ranger with the most deployments killed in action, an Army spokeswoman said Thursday.

Sgt. 1st Class Kristoffer B. Domeij enlisted several months before 9/11 and had served in hundreds of missions. He was killed with two other soldiers in a bomb explosion Saturday in the Taliban heartland of Kandahar province.

"To volunteer that many times to deploy speaks volumes to Kris' character and dedication to his country," said Tracy Bailey, spokeswoman for the 75th Ranger Regiment, based at Ft. Benning, Ga. "He was larger than life. The man everybody wanted to be around."

Domeij was awarded two Bronze Stars for his service overseas and will be awarded a third Bronze Star posthumously, along with the Purple Heart, according to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

"He was one of those men who was known by all as much for his humor, enthusiasm, and loyal friendship, as he was for his unparalleled skill and bravery under fire," said Lt. Col. David Hodne, commander of the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, in a statement. "This was a Ranger you wanted at your side when the chips were down."

The 29-year-old California native is one of hundreds of Rangers whose deployments during the war on terror number in the double digits.

Rangers are deployed more often than regular soldiers on shorter, more intense tours—often the tours are four months long and include 400 to 500 combat missions. They usually return to the United States for about eight months of training and then head out again, Bailey said.

Domeij, a native of Santa Ana, Calif., is survived by his wife and two daughters. He had requested that family members not speak to the media after his death.

"Rangers as a whole are quiet professionals and I don't know his reasoning behind it, but many Rangers don't see the need to advertise what they do," Bailey said.

Medicare premiums up—but not as much as expected

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Good news for seniors: The government says Medicare's basic monthly premium will rise less than expected next year, by $3.50 for most.

It could be good, too, for President Barack Obama and Democrats struggling for older Americans' votes in a close election.

At $99.90 per month, the 2012 Part B premium for outpatient care will be about $7 less than projected as recently as May. The additional money that most seniors will pay works out to about 10 percent of the average Social Security cost-of-living increase they'll also be due.

Some recently enrolled younger retirees will actually pay less. They were charged $115.40 a month this year, and they'll see that go down to $99.90.

The main reason for lower-than-expected premiums seems to be the connection between Social Security COLAs and Medicare. Some also cite a moderation in health care costs.

But the Obama administration is hoping seniors will get a simpler takeaway message: Medicare is under sound management.

Older voters went for Republicans in the 2010 elections, after Obama's health care overhaul law cut Medicare spending to help finance coverage for the uninsured. Since then, the administration has worked hard to reverse any perception that Obama is steering Medicare into decline.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said it's "pretty remarkable" that premiums will stay in check. She reassured seniors that they have nothing to fear from the health care law.

"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, Medicare is providing better benefits at lower cost," said Sebelius.

Republicans weren't buying it.

A spokeswoman for Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah said the brunt of the health law's Medicare cuts are still to come. "More importantly," added Antonia Ferrier, "lower Medicare premiums are being driven by lower than average Medicare spending due to the slow economy"—not the health care law. Hatch is the ranking Republican on the Senate panel overseeing Medicare.

A spokeswoman for House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp, R-Mich., said premiums are more affordable because seniors on tight budgets are spending less on health care in a troubled economy.

ACROSS THE NATION

NYPD officers charged in corruption probe

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors say 16 New York City police officers and five other people will be charged in a corruption scandal covering a broad spectrum of crimes following a lengthy investigation. A statement by the Bronx district attorney's office says the indictments will be unsealed Friday morning. Two people familiar with the investigation tell The Associated Press the case centers on accusations the officers abused their authority by helping friends and relatives avoid paying traffic tickets.

7 dead after semi-truck slams into minivan in Ind.

BRISTOL, Ind. (AP)—Authorities say at least seven people are dead after a tractor-trailer slammed into the back of a packed minivan along a northern Indiana highway. Indiana State Police reported late Thursday that the minivan was carrying 10 people when it was hit along the Indiana Toll Road near Bristol, along the Michigan border. Seven of them died at the scene and three others were taken to hospitals, including two who were airlifted. The driver of the tractor-trailer was also taken to a hospital. Police say witness accounts suggest the minivan may have hit a deer, then slowed or stopped in the eastbound lanes before it was hit from behind by the truck.

2 workers plead guilty to murder in abortion case

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Two abortion clinic workers pleaded guilty Thursday to third-degree murder in deaths that occurred at a Philadelphia clinic where seven babies were allegedly born alive, then killed with scissors, and a patient died from an overdose of painkillers. Andrea Moton, 34, admitted her involvement in the stabbing death of one late-term baby that she pulled from a toilet where it had been delivered. Sherry West, 52, pleaded guilty in the February 2009 death of Karnamaya Mongar, a Bhutanese immigrant who was 19 weeks pregnant. Neither worker was trained or licensed for the work they did at the clinic run by Dr. Kermit Gosnell, authorities said.

Ohio gym teacher convicted in student sex case

LEBANON, Ohio (AP)—A high school teacher was convicted Thursday of having sex with five students, some of them football players, after a judge rejected an insanity defense that argued the teens took advantage of her. Stacy Schuler was sentenced to a total of four years in prison for the encounters with the Mason High School students at her home in Springboro in southwest Ohio in 2010. She can ask a judge to free her from prison after six months. The 33-year-old Schuler, who could have faced decades in prison, cried as she was handcuffed and led out of the courtroom. The age of consent in Ohio is 16, but it's illegal for a teacher to have sex with a student.

Asia

Fears swell along river through Thailand's capital

By CHRIS BLAKE and TODD PITMAN
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BANGKOK (AP)—The main river coursing through Thailand's capital swelled to record highs Friday, briefly flooding riverside buildings and an ornate royal complex at high tide amid fears that flood defenses could break and swamp the heart of the city.

Ankle-high water from the Chao Phraya river spilled through one sandbagged entranceway of Bangkok's treasured Grand Palace, which once housed the kingdom's monarchy. The army was pumping out the water and tourists were still entering the white-walled compound.

The river has filled roads outside the palace gates for days, but the water has receded with the tides, leaving streets dry again.

But the higher than normal tides in the Gulf of Thailand, expected to peak Saturday, are obstructing the flood runoff from the north and there are fears that the overflows could swamp parts of downtown. The goverment also is worried major barriers and dikes could break.

Seven of Bangkok's 50 districts—all in the northern outskirts—are heavily flooded, and residents have fled aboard bamboo rafts and army trucks and by wading in waist-deep water. Provinces north of the capital have been submerged, with factories and homes ruined.

Most of Bangkok, however, has remained dry and most of its more than 9 million residents were staying put to protect their homes. Still, fears the inner city could flood has fueled an exodus this week, as Thais and expatriates alike sought refuge outside Bangkok and foreign governments urged their citizens to avoid unessential travel to the threatened city.

The U.S. State Department cautioned against all but essential travel to areas of Thailand affected by the flooding, including Bangkok, because of transportation difficulties and shortages of certain food items.

On Thursday, an emotional Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra acknowledged her government could not control the approaching deluge.

"What we're doing today is resisting the force of nature," Yingluck told reporters. She said the water bearing down on Bangkok was so massive that "we cannot resist all of it."

The floods, the heaviest in Thailand in more than half a century, have drenched a third of the country's provinces, killed close to 400 people and displaced more than 110,000 others. For weeks, the water has crept down from the central plains, flowing south toward the Gulf of Thailand. Bangkok is in the way, and today it is literally surrounded by behemoth pools of water flowing around and through it via a complex network of canals and rivers.

Flooding has closed Bangkok's Don Muang airport, mainly used for domestic flights, but Thailand's main international airport is operating as usual.

After visiting the Grand Palace, American tourist Kathy Kiernan said she wasn't too concerned about flooding in the capital.

"We were a little worried when we got in to see sandbags around our hotel," said the 47-year-old from Salt Lake City, Utah. "But so far it's pretty normal. Everything looks fine, though we know anything can happen."

The government's Flood Relief Operations Center says its contingency plan involves the Thai military and government agencies transporting people from evacuation points in the capital to outlying provinces.

Within the city, 234 shelters are set up to house nearly 78,000 people. Authorities say there are currently about 7,500 displaced people in the sprawling metropolis.

AP

A Thai man crosses floodwaters at the outskirts of Bangkok, Thailand on Thursday Oct. 27, 2011.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Archaeologists discover rare statues at Angkor Wat

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Archaeologists at Cambodia's famous Angkor Wat temple complex say they have unearthed the largest Buddhist statues there in eight decades. Ly Vanna, an artifacts expert for the government's Apsara Authority that oversees the site, said Thursday the two stone statues found at Ta Prohm temple were headless but the larger one if complete would stand about 10 feet (3 meters) tall. He says the statues are believed to date from the 12th century and are the biggest discovered since the 1930s. Saurav Ray of the Indian embassy says the statues were found by workers carrying out the Archaeological Survey of India's 10-year, $4 million restoration project. Angkor's rehabilitation follows decades of neglect due to civil war.

US drone strikes kill key commander in Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP)—Two American drone strikes hours apart destroyed a hideout in Taliban strongholds in Pakistan's rugged tribal regions Thursday and a vehicle with a number of fighters inside. The first attack in the South Waziristan tribal area hit a vehicle and killed Khan Mohammed, also known as Sathai, deputy leader of a group of militants led by Maulvi Nazir and also the commander's cousin, said the officials. It also killed Nazir's younger brother, Hazrat Omar, the officials said. Hours later, five missiles hit the militant hideout near North Waziristan's town of Mir Ali, killing six men.

US, SKorea warn against North Korean aggression

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The U.S. and South Korean defense chiefs declared Friday that any North Korean aggression "is not to be tolerated," following two deadly incidents last year, and pledged to jointly develop more effective means of responding to future provocations by the North. U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and his South Korean counterpart, Kim Kwan-jin, told a news conference at the Ministry of Defense that they also decided to increase "combined watch activities" in advance of an international summit planned for Seoul next spring.

NATO service member killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A NATO service member was killed Friday in a roadside bombing in the same restive southern Afghan province where the U.S.-led alliance, a day earlier, repelled a coordinated Taliban attack on a U.S.-run civilian and military base. The service member died as a result of an improvised explosive device in Kandahar province, the Taliban's traditional stronghold, NATO said in a statement that did not provide additional details. The death raises to 480 the number of coalition forces killed in Afghanistan so far this year.

Probable WWII submarine found off Papua New Guinea

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Authorities are trying to determine the nationality of a submarine wreck found off the Papua New Guinea town of Rabaul, which was a major Japanese military base during World War II. The Australian Defense Department says in a statement that the governments of Japan, the United States, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand have been informed of Thursday's find in Simpson Harbor on the South Pacific island nation's northeast coast. The statement says the wreck is probably World War II vintage, but identification could take days. The discovery was made by Australian and New Zealand warships involved in an operation to clear the Southwest Pacific of World War II-era explosives.

450 Malaysia snakes, tortoises escape cooking pot

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysian authorities have rescued some 450 endangered cobras and tortoises headed for cooking pots in Thailand. Celescoriano Razond, Malaysia's wildlife deputy enforcement director, says officials confiscated 302 Asiatic cobra, 145 tortoises and a macaque monkey Thursday from a house in northern Kedah state, near the Thai border. He says two men have been arrested and could be charged for being in possession of protected wildlife, which carries a penalty of up to five years in jail and a fine. He said Friday that an initial probe showed the animals were being smuggled out of the country to be peddled to restaurants in Thailand specializing in exotic meat.

Study: Japan nuke radiation shown higher than estimated

NEW YORK (AP)—The Fukushima nuclear disaster released twice as much of a radioactive substance into the atmosphere as Japanese authorities estimated, reaching 40 percent of the total from Chernobyl, a preliminary report says.

The estimate of much higher levels of radioactive cesium-137 comes from a worldwide network of sensors. Study author Andreas Stohl of the Norwegian Institute for Air Research says the Japanese government estimate came only from data in Japan, and that would have missed emissions blown out to sea.

The study did not consider health implications of the radiation. Cesium-137 is dangerous because it can last for decades in the environment, releasing cancer-causing radiation.

The long-term effects of the nuclear accident are unclear because of the difficulty of measuring radiation amounts people received.

In a telephone interview, Stohl said emission estimates are so imprecise that finding twice the amount of cesium isn't considered a major difference. He said some previous estimates had been higher than his.

The journal Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics posted the report online for comment, but the study has not yet completed a formal review by experts in the field or been accepted for publication.

Last summer, the Japanese government estimated that the March 11 Fukushima accident released 15,000 terabecquerels of cesium. Terabecquerels are a radiation measurement. The new report from Stohl and co-authors estimates about 36,000 terabecquerels through April 20. That's about 42 percent of the estimated release from Chernobyl, the report says.

An official at the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, the Japanese government branch overseeing such findings, said the agency could not offer any comment on the study because it had not reviewed its contents.

It also says about a fifth of the cesium fell on land in Japan, while most of the rest fell into the Pacific Ocean. Only about 2 percent of the fallout came down on land outside Japan, the report concluded.

Experts have no firm projections about how many cancers could result because they're still trying to find out what doses people received. Some radiation from the accident has also been detected in Tokyo and in the United States, but experts say they expect no significant health consequences there.

Still, concern about radiation is strong in Japan. Many parents of small children in Tokyo worry about the discovery of radiation hotspots even though government officials say they don't pose a health risk. And former prime minister Naoto Kan has said the most contaminated areas inside the evacuation zone could be uninhabitable for decades.

Stohl also noted that his study found cesium-137 emissions dropped suddenly at the time workers started spraying water on the spent fuel pool from one of the reactors. That challenges previous thinking that the pool wasn't emitting cesium, he said.

World

Turkey survivor emerges from earthquake rubble

ERCIS, Turkey (AP)—Rescuers, working under floodlights, pulled a 13-year-old boy alive from the rubble of a collapsed apartment building early Friday, over 100 hours after a massive earthquake leveled many buildings in eastern Turkey, killing at least 550 people.

A picture by the state-run Anatolia news agency showed a rescue team carrying Ferhat Tokay out of the debris, wearing a neck brace. In other pictures from a field hospital, he appeared conscious and looking at his rescuers.

Tokay's rescue came 108 hours after Sunday's 7.2 magnitude earthquake, the agency said.

The agency said the boy was injured but did not give further details. The collapsed building from which Tokay was rescued was in Ecris, the town worst hit by the quake.

The temblor has killed at least 550 people and injured 2,300 others, according to the country's disaster management, AFAD, website updated Thursday evening. Thousands of homeless in tents were struggling in the bitter cold as rain and snow brought on more hardship.

Television footage on Thursday showed a rescue team cheering and clapping as another young man, wearing a red sweater and strapped to a stretcher, was also carried out of the debris. His eyes were shut most of the time, but he opened them at one point.

The Anatolia agency identified the man as 18-year-old Imdat Padak. He was rescued by an Azerbaijani crew.

Padak was flown to the nearby city of Van and was dehydrated, but in good condition, according to the news agency.

Emergency officials said 187 have been rescued from the rubble. About 2,000 buildings have been destroyed and authorities declared another 3,700 buildings unfit for habitation.

More aid began to reach survivors, with Turkish authorities delivering more tents after acknowledging distribution problems that included aid trucks being looted even before they reached Ercis.

Families who did snag precious aid tents shared them with others. But some people spent a fifth night outdoors huddled under blankets in front of campfires, either waiting for news of the missing or keeping watch over damaged homes.

As survivors gathered pieces of wood to light campfires or stove-heaters, The Red Crescent and several pro-Islamic groups set up kitchens and dished out soup or rice and beans.

Sermin Yildirim, eight months pregnant, was sharing a tent with a family of four who were distant relatives, along with her own twins and husband. Her family was too afraid of returning to their apartment.

"It's getting colder, my kids are coughing. I don't know how long we will have to stay here," Yildirim said. "We were not able to get a tent. We are waiting to get our own."

Muhlise Bakan, 41, was not happy to share her tent with her husband's second wife, Hamide.

"I have four children, she has five," Bakan said. "We were sleeping in separate rooms at our house, and now we are sleeping side by side here."

However, she acknowledged the two women were now "closer" as they struggled together in hard times. Turkish law does not recognize second marriages, but some conservative men in the country's southeast still marry more than one wife in religious ceremonies.

Health problems increased the hardship.

"I am very sick, I need medicine," said Kevsel Astan, 40, who had a kidney transplant four years ago.

She said she was being treated at the state hospital until the quake struck. The damaged hospital was evacuated and doctors were focusing on emergency cases.

Burke Cinar, a sociologist with a Turkish foundation, said the group was trying to get tents for the families of 15 children with leukemia in Ercis.

Looking ahead, Turkey's weather agency predicted intermittent snowfall for the next three days.

Foreign assistance also began arriving. Israel, which has a troubled political relationship with Turkey, sent emergency housing units, blankets and clothing. Britain said it was dispatching 1,000 tents and Germany, Russia, Romania and Ukraine also contributed. A Japanese disaster rescue team was working alongside Turkish rescuers.

Saudi King Abdullah ordered a $50 million donation to help Turkey deal with the aftermath of the quake, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

Syrians who had fled across the border to Turkey to escape violence in their homeland donated blood for the injured, the Anatolia news agency reported.

Gadhafi hometown pays heavy price in Libyan battle

SIRTE, Libya (AP)—Moammar Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte paid a heavy price for sheltering him in the final battle of Libya's civil war.

Much of the Mediterranean city of palm tree-lined boulevards has been destroyed. Whole neighborhoods are uninhabitable, with shells punching huge holes through homes blackened with soot. There's no electricity or water. Debris-filled streets are flooded from broken pipes.

"It used to be a beautiful city, one of the most beautiful in Libya," said Zarouk Abdullah, 42, a university professor, standing outside his badly damaged family home. "Today it looks like (postwar) Leningrad, Gaza or Beirut."

Sirte once was favored by the old regime with investment and jobs. Now, six weeks of fighting has left many of the 140,000 residents seething over what they believe was wanton destruction by vengeful anti-Gadhafi combatants.

Although some blame Gadhafi for bringing the war home by hiding here in his final days, residents feel overwhelmed by the task of reconstruction and expect little help from Libya's interim government.

Most of the dead appear to have been removed or hastily buried, but there is still a stubborn stench of decay that remains even a week after Gadhafi's death, which ended the eight-month battle to oust him.

On Thursday, shovel-wielding volunteers wearing surgical or gas masks dug up shallow graves to identify and rebury bodies. Meteeg al-Gazhali stood on a sandy lot behind a clinic in Sirte's seaside District No. 2 and watched as several men pulled up a corpse, wrapped in a blanket.

"That's Ali," he said quietly after lifting the blanket, identifying his 30yearold son.

The battle for Sirte began in mid-September, or about a month after revolutionary forces had already taken control of most of Libya, including the capital of Tripoli. Sirte was one of the last holdouts, along with two other loyalist areas.

AP

In this Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 file photo, a general view of buildings ravaged by fighting in Sirte, Libya.

Resistance in Sirte was fierce, and three weeks into the battle, anti-Gadhafi forces had advanced only a few hundred yards (meters) into the city.

With fighting intensifying, most civilians fled, and only diehard loyalists remained behind in the city some 250 miles (400 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli.

There were no indications that Gadhafi was in Sirte beforehand, with reports of him hiding deep in the southern desert, possibly trying to flee the country.

In fact, Gadhafi was hiding in Sirte in the final weeks of the war, living in abandoned homes in District No. 2 with an entourage of about two dozen, including his son Muatassim.

On Oct. 20, as revolutionary forces encircled the neighborhood, Gadhafi and his followers tried to escape in a convoy that was struck by NATO on a highway on the outskirts.

Gadhafi, who suffered some injuries, tried to flee on foot, but he was captured, beaten by a mob and died later that day in mysterious circumstances, prompting international demands that Libya's new leaders investigate his death.

Fighters from the coastal city of Misrata, which rose up early against Gadhafi and suffered immensely under weeks of siege by regime forces in the spring, took the lead in the battle for Sirte and Gadhafi's capture.

It was they who put Gadhafi's body on display in Misrata like a trophy for four days before burying him Tuesday in an anonymous desert grave.

Residents now believe the Misrata fighters intentionally destroyed Sirte, beyond the collateral damage of fighting, to settle old scores.

"I am very angry with the rebels. Look at all this damage," said 26yearold electrician Mustafa Ali, standing in the debris-filled courtyard of a two-story villa in District No. 2 that was rumored by neighbors to have been Gadhafi's last hiding place.

"If one shot was fired from a house, they would destroy the entire house," he said.

Over the weekend, more than 50 bodies were found strewn across the oceanview lawn of the Mahari Hotel, which according to the New Yorkbased Human Rights Watch, had been in the hands of Misrata rebels during the fighting.

Farraj al-Hemali, a Sirte resident who was among those to discover the dead, said 25 of the corpses were found with their hands tied behind their backs. Blood had soaked into the grass, indicating they were killed on the spot. Among the dead were civilians and Gadhafi loyalists, and most had been shot in the head or chest, he said.

Human Rights Watch called for an investigation of what it described as an "apparent mass execution."

Ibrahim Beitelmal, spokesman for the Misrata military council, denied that fighters from his city were responsible. He said he believes the loyalists were killed by their own comrades, possibly after refusing orders to keep fighting.

Beitelmal also alleged that "the damage in Sirte was done by Gadhafi forces to blacken the image of the rebels."

Anti-Gadhafi fighters did their utmost to prevent bloodshed by giving civilians ample time to leave, he said, adding that those who stayed in the final days were clearly hardcore loyalists.

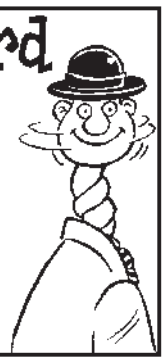
Zarouk Abdullah, the university professor, scoffed at such claims, alleging that Misrata fighters killed his 34yearold brother Hisham, whom he described as a civilian.

Abdullah said his brother had stayed behind in Sirte to protect the family home, was taken prisoner and killed with others at the Mahari Hotel. He did not explain how he knew this.

On Wednesday, Abdullah visited Sirte's Ibn Sina Hospital and viewed pictures of disfigured or bloated corpses that had been discovered in recent days, photographed and numbered before temporary burial. Hisham was No. 90. His lower left jaw had been shot off. Abdullah snapped three pictures to take back to his parents so they could start grieving.

Riddle Card

1. What's the best way to turn people's heads?
2. Why is a mousetrap like the measles?
3. What's the cheapest feature of the face?
4. Why are cowardly soldiers like butter?
5. What animal keeps the best time?



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Answers: 1. Go to church late. 2. Because it is catching. 3. Nostrils; they are two for a scent. 4. Because, when exposed to fire, they run. 5. A watchdog.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

GET OUT YOUR PUZZLER'S PASSPORT!

A	I	R	E	G	L	A	B	P	E	R	U	G	I	G
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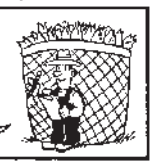
Illustrated by David Coulson

See if you can tour 22 countries in less than five minutes. Hidden in the diagram above are the names of various countries around the world. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally, going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the countries you're looking for.

ALGERIA	GREECE	JAMAICA
BELGIUM	INDIA	JORDAN
CANADA	IRAN	KUWAIT
DENMARK	IRAQ	LEBANON
ECUADOR	IRELAND	PERU
FINLAND	ISRAEL	POLAND
FRANCE	ITALY	UGANDA
GERMANY		

WHAT EUROPEAN CITY is hidden in the following sentence?



Answer: Hels in Ki (Finland).

THE "HELLO" AND "GOODBYE" PUZZLE! Can you find the four five-letter words to complete the word square on the right by using the definitions below? All words used must read the same across and down.

1. Covers a "tidy" area.
2. Member of violin family.
3. To shove aside
4. A greeting or farewell (given).
5. An emphatic denial.

1	2	3	4 A	5
2			L	
3			O	
4 A	L	O	H	A
5			A	

Answers: 1. Ocean. 2. Cello. 3. Elbow. 4. Aloha (Hawaiian). 5. No way.

A dog's reading room

Just in time for fall, here's a selection of pet-related books to enjoy on a blustery evening. This month's selection features odes to irrepressible dogs, humorous anecdotes, a bit of mystery and some training advice, of course.

"A Pug's Tale" by Alison Pace (Penguin Group) is the author's second foray into the wonderful world of pugs—this time in a fictional setting. Heroine Hope McNeill and her beloved pug Max hunt down a priceless painting that's gone missing from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Psychologist and dog expert Stanley Coren pens a loving ode to Flint, his Cairn terrier, in "Born to Bark: My Adventures with an Irrepressible and Unforgettable Dog" (Free Press). But it's also an autobiography of his own journey, with and without pets. Well-written and touching, this is an enjoyable and inspiring read.

"All My Patients Kick and Bite" is veterinarian Jeff Wells' second memoir about the joys and pains of caring for farm, domestic and "not-so-domestic" animals. From an escaped dog to an ornery llama, Wells' anecdotes are humorous looks at caring for animals in a rural area.

Finally, if you're looking for a book that covers the basics of obtaining, training and raising a puppy, look for "The Dog Trainer's Complete Guide to a Happy Well-Behaved Pet" (St. Martin's Press). Author Jolanta Bental details everything from choosing a new dog to training and socializing, dealing with common behavior problems and keeping your dog healthy. Anyone considering getting a dog, especially first-time owners, should have a training and care manual close at hand, and Bental's guide fits the bill.

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Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was French Renaissance essayist Michel de Montaigne who made the following sage observation: "Nothing is so firmly believed as what is least known."

■ If someone called you a "mumpsimus," would you be flattered or insulted? It seems that the appropriate reaction would be to take offense. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, a mumpsimus is "a stubborn person who insists on making an error in spite of being shown that it is wrong."

■ The English language is unique in the number of collective nouns it possesses. For instance, a group of frogs is known as an "army" and a group of crows is called a "murder." We have a "shrewdness" of apes, a "wisdom" of wombats, a "congregation" of crocodiles, a "smack" of jellyfish, a "wiggle" of worms, a "crash" of rhinoceroses, a "waddle" of penguins and a "scourge" of mosquitoes, to name a few. Geese flock together in "gaggles," unless they're in flight, in which case they are collectively known as a "skein."

■ In the Baltic region, it's traditional for a bride to wear black.

■ You've probably never heard of Harvey Lowe, but in the 1930s he enjoyed a certain amount of notoriety; in 1934 he won the first World Yo-Yo Contest. Now that you know who he is, can you imagine what he had in common with Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards and notoriously flamboyant entertainer Liberace? It turns out that all three took out insurance policies on their hands.

■ If you're like 20 percent of the respondents in a recent poll, you find it embarrassing to order tap water when you're in a restaurant.

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Thought for the Day: "A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep."—Saul Bellow

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MAGIC MAZE ● SONG TITLES CONTAINING MALE NAMES

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L	R	A	E	F	O	E	K	U	D	S	D	R	E	Q
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E	C	S	B	Y	E	L	O	O	D	M	O	T	M	B
Z	Y	X	V	U	T	R	Q	P	O	M	L	S	K	I

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Alfie	Daniel	Hey Jude	Michael
Ben	Dear John	Joey	Stagger Lee
Big Bad John	Duke of Earl	Judas	Tom Dooley
Casey Jones	Gulliver	Louie Louie	

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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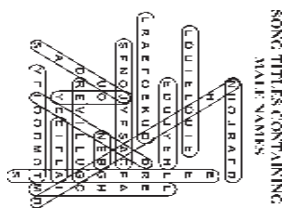
MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Way to go! Cheers can give big boost

I was up at the crack of dawn on a recent weekend morning for the Twin Cities Marathon. It was a perfect fall day. No, I didn't run, but I did lots of rooting from the sidelines at mile six, near our house where runners reach the top of their first hill. I wasn't the only one. Standing across the street amidst the early-morning crowd was a young family decked out in bright-yellow T-shirts blazing with encouraging hand-painted sayings: "You Rock!"; "Go Sue Go!"; "Love you, Sue!"

"It's so difficult to run a marathon of over 26 miles for the first time," said Sue's sister, Lynn Burley, mom of two school-age girls, teacher and seasoned marathoner. It makes such a difference in reaching your goal when people encourage and cheer for you along the way. It's as important as training, water and food." Sure enough, seeing the familiar faces of her daughter and sister's family would be the initial cheers of many she'd receive on her way to crossing the finish line.

I came home thinking about how everyone can use a boost once in a while. The gestures can be simple, yet can yield big results in the lives of people we support. That's when my husband told me about Desiree Kuik, the human resources person at a K-12 school where he works.

She's always up to motivating the teachers and staff," he said. Sure enough, to prove his point, he pulled out of his briefcase an eye-catching cellophane bag he found on his desk after a very busy week of work. On the outside was a printed sticker that read: "Here's S'more Encouragement!" Inside the bag were two graham crackers, two marshmallows, a Hershey's milk chocolate bar, and a simple recipe card she had printed on her computer:

EASY S'MORES

Layer the following:
1/2 graham cracker
4 small blocks of chocolate
1 large marshmallow
1/2 graham cracker

Microwave for 15 seconds.

The recipe ended with "Enjoy the gooey treat!" And we did. I'm sure all the teachers and staff who received the thoughtful gesture felt encouraged by it and enjoyed it, too.

Feeling inspired? Find someone, and encourage your family to cheer 'em on and give 'em a boost this week.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Life & Style

Charlie Sheen's new sitcom airing on FX in 2012

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Fired "Two and a Half Men" star Charlie Sheen will try to return to a winning TV sitcom next summer in FX's new "Anger Management."

The cable channel said Thursday it has acquired the series loosely based on the 2003 Adam Sandler-Jack Nicholson movie of the same name, about a troubled therapist who disrupts his patients' lives.

FX ordered an initial 10 episodes of "Anger Management" starring Sheen, with production set to begin early next year. The series was announced in July by Lionsgate subsidiary Debmar-Mercury, which had shopped it to various broadcast and cable networks.

If the comedy catches on with viewers, FX will pick up an additional 90 episodes that will air first on the channel and then in broadcast syndication starting in fall 2014. The same model was used by Debmar-Mercury on the Ice Cube comedy series "Are We There Yet?" and on "Tyler Perry's House of Payne" and "Meet the Browns," all of which air on TBS.

Sheen

FX Networks head John Landgraf called "Anger Management" a "wonderful, hilarious vehicle for Charlie's acting talents."

Sheen's new show will air on the same cable home as his old one: "Two and a Half Men" has been in returns on FX for more than a year.

The actor was fired from CBS' top-rated comedy by studio Warner Bros. Television because of his erratic personal life and public ridicule of the show's producer. On the new series, he will be answering in part to himself.

He will have a significant ownership stake in the series, FX said. Sheen noted in July that he will also gain "a certain amount of creative control."

Sheen's new producer, Revolution Studios founder Joe Roth, has worked successfully with him before, and the pair are expected to have cordial relations. Their feature films together include "Major League," "Young Guns" and "Three Musketeers."

The producers and distributors would be a key selling point for the new series, TV analyst Bill Carroll of media buyer Katz media said in July.

"I have to assume what you're really buying is Joe Roth's ability to produce and deliver a show with Charlie Sheen ... and Lionsgate's track record and the ability of them and Debmar-Mercury to deliver shows. Whoever picks up the show is making a deal with them, not Sheen," Carroll said.

Larry King: I got back almost $1M after Madoff con

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) – Larry King says he invested $700,000 with Wall Street scammer Bernard Madoff but was lucky enough to get it all back.

King

The veteran journalist tells the syndicated TV news show "Extra" that he and his wife got money back from the Madoff estate and from the government for taxes they paid on stock they never had.

Madoff never made investments but used money from new investors to pay previous ones. He pleaded guilty to fraud and is imprisoned. His wife says in a CBS "60 Minutes" interview that they tried to kill themselves after he confessed.

King told "Extra" on Thursday that he thinks Ruth Madoff came forward to help her daughter-in-law's new book about her husband, Mark Madoff. He hanged himself with a dog leash last year on the anniversary of his father's arrest.

Experts try to cast doubt in Jackson doctor case

LOS ANGELES (AP) – The battle of scientific experts in the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor took a new turn late Thursday as defense lawyers made an 11th hour disclosure that their scientific expert has devised a new computer simulation shedding light on what killed the pop superstar.

Prosecutors told the judge they were surprised by the new development and need time to study the software program used by Dr. Paul White, a top expert on the anesthetic propofol. The judge agreed.

He said White could conclude his defense testimony Friday but he would give the prosecution the weekend to analyze the computer data before the star witness of Dr. Conrad Murray's defense is cross-examined.

"This is extraordinarily complicated material," said Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor.

The developments were gleaned at the end of the court day from a transcript of a lengthy private conference with lawyers in the judge's chambers.

The new twist means another delay in the trial's conclusion, the judge said, and he worried aloud, "I just don't know if we are going to start losing jurors."

No filter required for Rosie O'Donnell's new show

NEW YORK (AP) – Rosie O'Donnell isn't shying away from controversy on her new Oprah Winfrey Network talk show.

Since the variety program's premiere on Oct. 10, O'Donnell has tackled topics from her renewed, menopausal sex drive to police brutality at the Occupy Wall Street protests.

"I'm going to talk about things that matter as well as entertaining fun things. But we're not going to leave stuff out. We're going to talk about what's current - what's happening and what people are talking about in real life," O'Donnell said in an interview with the Associated Press on Thursday.

O'Donnell's outspokenness about the Iraq War led to her abrupt exit on "The View," and her no-holds-barred attitude may have landed her a few high-profile enemies, but the comedian's new boss embraces her lack of filter.

"Oprah is so supportive," said O'Donnell, 49. "She said, `Trust your instincts, go with your gut, you know what to do, trust yourself.' And that's what I've been doing."

"The Rosie Show," a mash up of celebrity interviews, standup comedy, musical acts, games and reality TV, has garnered mixed reviews and lackluster ratings. But O'Donnell remains optimistic.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Peter Jackson working with ex-US death row inmate

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) – A news report says renowned New Zealand movie director Peter Jackson is working with an American once on death row in hopes of getting the man a complete pardon. The New Zealand Herald reported Friday that Jackson, who directed the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, got an exemption to New Zealand law to allow Damien Echols to visit him. Echols was part of a group known as the West Memphis Three who were convicted of killing three boys in the U.S. state of Arkansas in 1993. The three men were released in August under a deal in which their initial convictions were set aside and they pleaded guilty to lesser charges—while publicly proclaiming their innocence. Three HBO films about the case helped spark a movement to free the men, who spent 18 years in jail.

Elton John lauds NY governor for gay marriage law

NEW YORK (AP)—Elton John says politics have divided the United States, but at his foundation's annual benefit, he singled out one politician as an example for others to follow. The legendary British singer hailed New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo at Wednesday night's 10th-annual Enduring Vision gala for the Elton John AIDS Foundation. John thanked Cuomo for "taking a stand in New York and making the dream of marriage equality a reality in the state." The governor was seated in the audience. In July, New York became the sixth state to recognize same-sex nuptials. The benefit raised $2 million for John's foundation. Alec Baldwin, Jon Bon Jovi and Sarah Ferguson were among the celebrities in attendance. Smokey Robinson provided the evening's entertainment. Anderson Cooper served as the master of ceremonies.

Manilow delivers musical instruments to Joplin

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—Singer-songwriter Barry Manilow has come through on his pledge to help schools in Joplin replace musical instruments lost in the tornado that devastated the town last spring. The Joplin Globe reports that hundreds of band, choir and orchestra students looked on Thursday as Manilow delivered $300,000 worth of musical instruments for the high school and middle school. Manilow made the presentation inside a stadium on behalf of the Manilow Music Project, which works to highlight the importance of school music programs. The singer says he's happy to see the students who will benefit directly from his donation. The May 22 tornado killed more than 160 people and destroyed thousands of homes as well as businesses and schools in the southwestern Missouri city.

Bride's plan for adults-only reception irks older sister

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister is getting married next month and has requested that no kids be brought to the reception. My "kids" are teenagers and I feel that at least children of the immediate family should be allowed to attend. Incidentally, Sis and her fiance have a little girl and boy who will serve as a flower girl and ring bearer. The children will participate in the wedding party introductions, then will be carted off.

Finally, she wants my 15-year-old to baby-sit the young cousins. Because we don't think it's right, we have decided that we will attend the wedding ceremony but not the reception. It is not my intention not to share her moment, but I'm afraid my teenagers won't understand why they can't celebrate their aunt's special day. Am I making too much of this?

RSVP UNDECIDED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR UNDECIDED: Your sister's reason for excluding "children" could be budgetary—or fear that young children could be disruptive. By saying "no children" she is trying to be fair to all the parents. However, if she wants your daughter to baby-sit, she should make the arrangements with your daughter—including offering to pay her for her time—especially if there will be more children than the flower girl and ring bearer in her care.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Adam," and I have been together for three years, and hopefully will be for many more to come. One of the core values he feels strongly about is not drinking, and not associating with others when they drink. I have never gotten drunk, but I do have one or two drinks a month with friends. When I mentioned it to Adam, he became extremely frustrated. Now things have become rocky between us.

I feel like I have done something devastatingly wrong, even though I know I haven't. I can't promise Adam I'll never drink again, but I respect his values enough to keep to the couple of drinks per month and no more. I feel he doesn't trust me now. What should I do? I love Adam and want to make things right, but I won't make a promise I know I can't keep.

HARDLY A DRUNK IN SEATTLE

DEAR HARDLY A DRUNK: I wish you had told me why your boyfriend is so against being involved with someone who has an occasional drink. Were his parents alcoholics? Is he in recovery? Was he upset because it took three years for you to tell him you have a drink or two a month with your friends, and that's why he "doesn't trust you"?

While you and I may think your boyfriend's attitude is unreasonable, it's clear to me that if you want him, you will have to take "the pledge." And if you can't do that, Adam is not The One for you.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own a business in a rural community and have two additional employees. We all work together five days a week. It's a small, intimate office and nothing is private. Would it be considered unprofessional if my husband or I greeted each other with a kiss (a peck) when arriving or leaving the office in front of our staff but when no clients are present? I think it's OK, but he doesn't.

SHOWING AFFECTION IN MISSOURI

DEAR SHOWING: I think it's OK, too. But if your husband isn't comfortable with demonstrations of affection in front of the staff, respect HIS feelings on the matter and do not force it.

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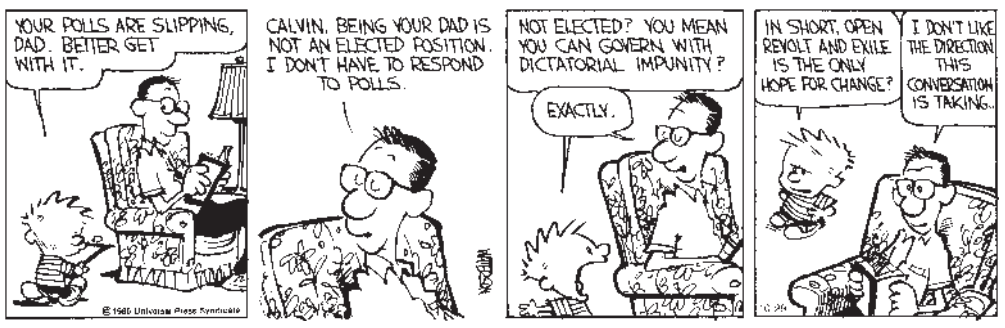
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


YOUR POLLS ARE SLIPPING, DAD. BETTER GET WITH IT.
CALVIN, BEING YOUR DAD IS NOT AN ELECTED POSITION. I DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND TO POLLS.
NOT ELECTED? YOU MEAN YOU CAN GOVERN WITH DICTATORIAL IMPUNITY?
EXACTLY.
IN SHORT, OPEN REVOLT AND EXILE IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR CHANGE?
I DON'T LIKE THE DIRECTION THIS CONVERSATION IS TAKING.
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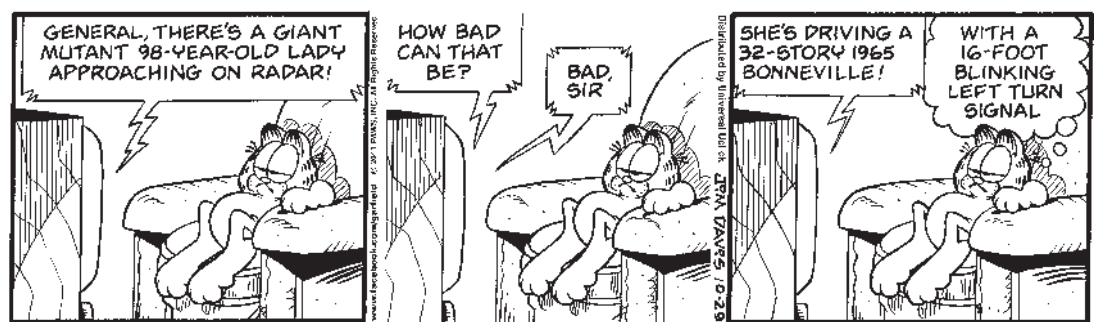
By Jim Davis


GENERAL, THERE'S A GIANT MUTANT 98-YEAR-OLD LADY APPROACHING ON RADAR!
HOW BAD CAN THAT BE?
BAD, SIR
SHE'S DRIVING A 32-STORY 1965 BONNEVILLE!
WITH A 16-FOOT BLINKING LEFT TURN SIGNAL
JIM DAVIS 10-29

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

IF WE DO EVER GET A DOG, THE DEAL IS I GET TO NAME HIM OR HER.
ANNND... THE DEAL IS ALSO THAT YOU MUST GET ME LATTES....
ANYTIME, ANYWHERE I WANT ONE. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.
WHAT ABOUT WHEN I'M AT SCHOOL?
HOW BAD DO YOU WANT THIS DOG?
MARRELL 10.29

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I'M SORRY I CARVED UP YOUR FRIEND-GORDY THE PUMPKIN.
I MISS HIM SO MUCH.
BUT SOMEHOW, EVEN THOUGH HE'S GONE, I FEEL A LITTLE PIECE OF GORDY IS STILL INSIDE ME.
MORE PIE?
THANKS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Comic DeLuise
4 Active one
8 Places
12 Wall climber
13 Between gigs
14 Press agent?
15 — Diego
16 Rolling stone's lack
17 Bloodline
18 Alumni events
21 Greek consonants
22 Central
23 Fact
26 Moray, e.g.
27 "See ya"
30 Colorless
31 Scott Pelley's employer
32 Equitable
33 Cowboy nickname
34 See 39-Down
35 Word on the street?
36 Bit of wordplay
37 In the manner of
38 "Communist Manifesto" topic
45 Shake in the grass?
46 Sacred bird of Egypt
47 Have a bug
48 First victim
49 Miss America accessory
50 Reggae-like music
51 Abound
52 Deuce topper
53 Corral

DOWN
1 Platter
2 Elliptical
3 Mimicking bird
4 Chinese food assortment
5 Smells
6 Differently
7 Job seekers' write-ups
8 Enraged
9 Sandwich treat
10 Create
11 Hostels
19 Ignore
20 Zilch
23 Banned insecticide
24 "All the Things You —"
25 Levy
26 Go back
27 Sheepish remark
28 Feminine side
29 Work unit
31 Be made up (of)
32 Banner
34 Drippings, maybe
35 Partially melted, as snow
36 Biblical song
37 Get up
38 Converse
39 Garage treatment, with 34-Across
40 Out of the storm
41 Ski-lift transport
42 React in horror
43 Facebook option
44 Vivacity

Solution time: 27 mins.

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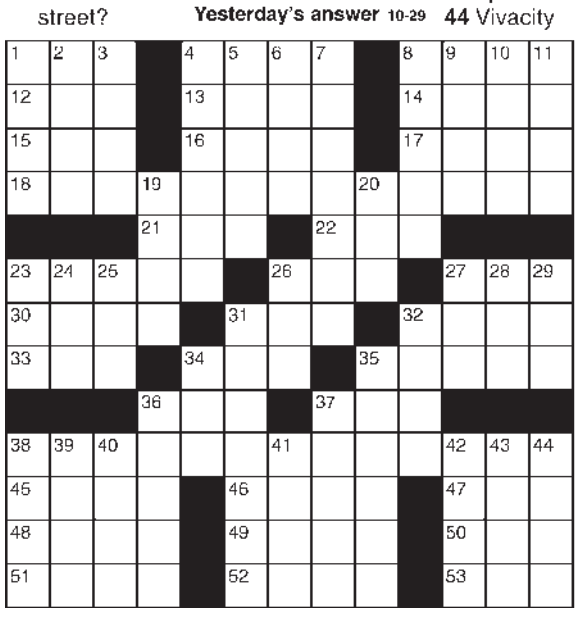
Yesterday's answer 10-29



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ben Foster, 31; Gabrielle Union, 39; Winona Ryder, 40; Richard Dreyfuss, 64.

Happy Birthday: Make changes that help you redirect your energy or alter your financial direction. Look at your options and create opportunities. Use innovative ideas to update what you have done in the past to better suit what is required today. It's time to recycle old skills and apply them to services that are in demand. Your numbers are 8, 10, 24, 30, 34, 42, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You will learn as you go and master what needs to be done, adding your personal touch. Someone may feel threatened by your progress. Being complementary will help ease any tension. Socializing with colleagues will help you advance. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Trying to impress someone with what you have will lead to loss. You are better off showing how thrifty you can be and how wise you are when it comes to making your money grow. A partnership based on false information will crumble. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Do your best to stay in the spotlight. Showing off your talent will make an impression on someone who can help you improve your life. Your honesty and integrity will play an important role in helping you keep any gains you make. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't waste energy on petty arguments. Concentrate on getting along and spending time with someone you enjoy being around. Going to the spa or shopping for a self-improvement product will boost your confidence. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You really need to spend time exploring places you have never been before. Interacting with people from different backgrounds, taking on a challenge or getting involved in a physical competition will help ease your stress and enhance your self-belief. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Do something nice for a friend, relative or neighbor. Having an open mind will invite others to share knowledge that is of a secretive nature. Controlling your emotions will result in good fortune. Finish what you start before you make a presentation. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Help an organization or person in need by finding out what's required to bring about change. Your ability to size up a situation, balance the evidence and come up with a solution will impress someone who wants to utilize your services. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Letting frustration get to you is a waste of time and energy. Concentrate on what you have to offer and how you can market your talent. An unexpected opportunity will develop through someone from your past. Reconnect with old friends or colleagues. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Fair is fair, and that's how events will unfold. What you put in, you will get back. It's simple: if you avoid what needs doing, you will not excel; if you are productive, you will. Travel and participation will pay off. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Ask for favors. Get involved in a cause, but most of all, enjoy the company of someone you think is special. Romance is in the stars. A day geared toward showing how much you care will be well received. It will also be amply repaid. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't give in to someone using scare tactics. Size up your situation and follow your own path. Use your head, but follow your heart and you will not be misled. Don't let a lack of confidence make you think someone knows more than you. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Take a backseat and observe what happens in an emotional situation. Don't hesitate to formulate your own plan of action, but wait until you are certain you can follow through on your intentions without being challenged. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are daring, proactive, unpredictable, unusual, persuasive and a pioneer.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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6	9	2	5	4	3	7	1	8
7	8	4	1	6	2	9	3	5

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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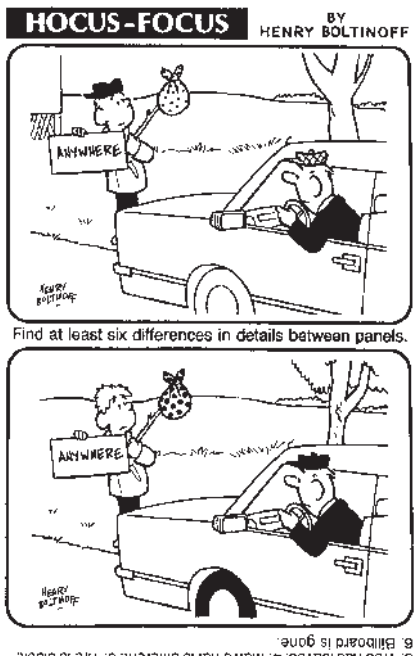
Yesterday's Answer: T.G.I.F.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Differences: 1. Boy's hat is gone. 2. Knapsack is different. 3. Tree has leaves. 4. Man's hat is different. 5. Tire is black. 6. Billboard is gone.

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Super Crossword

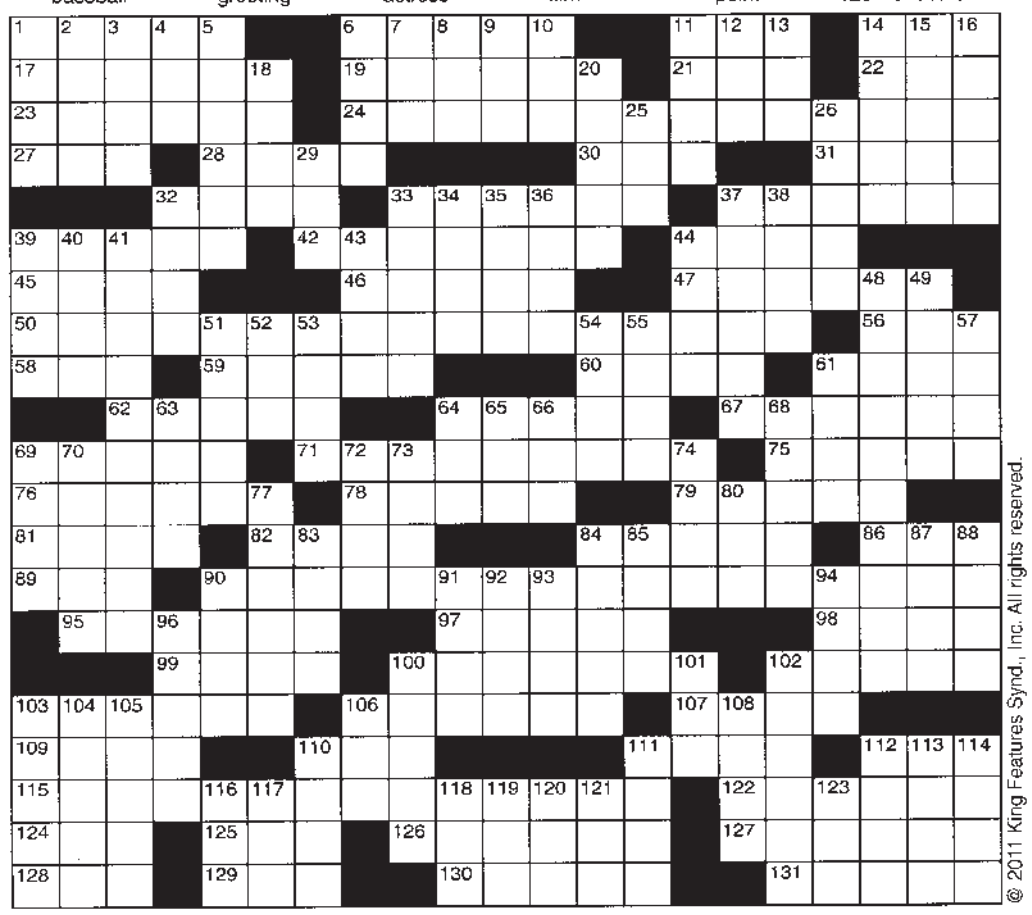
ALL WRAPPED UP

ACROSS

1 "— Instinct" ('92 film)
6 Biblical region
11 Dryden's "— for Love"
14 — Zedong
17 Hercule's creator
19 Schedule
21 "Dizzy" singer
22 Oklahoma city
23 Wood-working tool
24 Riddle: Part 1
27 Auxiliary verb
28 Skates
30 Ornamental vine
31 See 35 Down
32 French cheese region
33 Sports-shoe features
37 Is it?
39 Lamb product
42 High-flying Wally
44 Utah city
45 Help with the dishes
46 Skater Sonja
47 Exile
50 Riddle: Part 2
56 Perfect
58 Bando of baseball
59 Brooks or Schreiber
60 Foil kin
61 Brindisi bread
62 Stickpin locale
64 Claude of "The Invisible Man"
67 Gaunt
69 Nautical rope
71 Trick-or-treater, perhaps
75 Bank statistics
76 On the QE II
78 Pass into law
79 Seize
81 It may be common
82 Competent
84 Famed fabulist
86 "Sea Hunt" shocker
89 Actress Dvorak
90 Answer to riddle: Part 1
95 Fit to feast on
97 Panatella kin
98 Itches
99 Trusting sort
100 Dismal
102 Herring
103 Doc or Bullock
106 Islamic greeting
107 Little lake
109 Wells creatures
110 Vixen's offspring
111 Emilia's husband
112 Shopping ctr.
115 Answer to riddle: Part 2
122 Parmesan alternative
124 Spare tire
125 Inflatable item?
126 Herman or Reese
127 Afterword
128 Summer abroad
129 Morning moisture
130 Dwelling
131 Black Sea city

DOWN

1 Big name in Baroque
2 Eastern leader
3 "You — it!"
4 "— My Party" ('63 hit)
5 Word with bomb or tomato
6 Biting film?
7 "Gross!"
8 "The Partridge Family" actress
9 Remnant
10 Bustle
11 Bunch of battalions
12 Christie or Costello
13 Moon crawler
14 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
15 Simpson of fashion
16 Desert refuges
18 Jai — 20 Singer O'Day
25 Family-room features
26 Orange Bowl site
29 "By all means!"
32 Boxer Max
33 First name in comedy
34 Director Wertmuller
35 With 31 Across, Monty Python member
36 Bailiwick
37 Sticks one's neck out
38 Layers
39 Lambs' dams
40 Hindu deity
41 '45 Hitchcock film
43 "Bang Bang" singer
44 Hautboy
48 Head Apostle
49 Mezzo Marilyn
51 Come to a point
52 Broad st.
53 Iodine source
54 "Circus Boy" prop
55 "— dixit"
57 Harpsichord features
61 Leg-puller
63 Rachins or Thicke
64 Genetic info
65 Canine grp.
66 Adherent: suffix
68 Legendary drummer
69 Town in Galilee
70 ". . . her poor dog —"
72 Depend (on)
73 Once again
74 Autumn color
77 Showy flower
80 Boar's beloved
83 Fast-food favorite
84 Pertinent
85 Seth's son
87 Sicily's highest point
88 Like some sheep
90 It'll give you a lift
91 Word form for "eye"
92 Forearm bone
93 Tra- —
94 TV's "— Blue"
96 Where to eat biryani
100 Took in the late show
101 Bath, e.g.
102 "Peanuts" pooch
103 It suits many
104 Indigenous Alaskan
105 Nick of "The Prince of Tides"
106 Silly Caesar
108 Grimm creature
110 Feel certain
111 "— fixe"
112 Shopper's paradise
113 Clove hitch, for one
114 Forum wear
116 Made one's mark
117 Season firewood
118 Teachers' org.
119 — page
120 — Jima
121 Beatty or Brooks
123 Actress Sara



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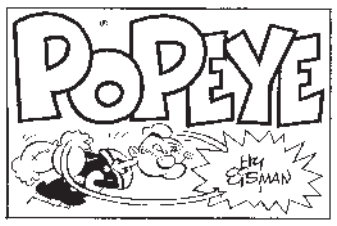

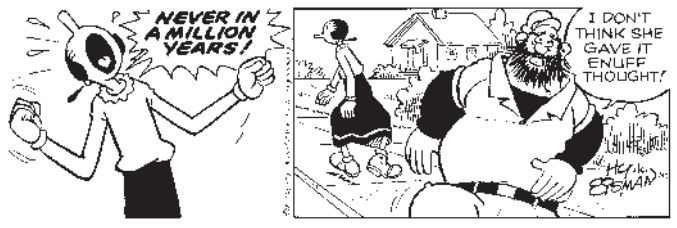

They'll Do It Every Time

by Al Scaduto

OFFICE FUN and GAMES-YOU HAD TO STAY AFTER WORKING HOURS TO TYPE UP IMPORTANT LETTERS THAT HAD TO GO RIGHT OUT... YOU WALK INTO BOSSO'S OFFICE NEXT MORN... and WHATTA YOU SEE? YOU HAVE TO ASK?
ALL THE LETTERS UNSIGNED and UNSENT
THE URGE TO SEND HIM TO THE MOON BY PONY EXPRESS
"Thank To SECRETARY JUDY, DES MOINES, IOWA
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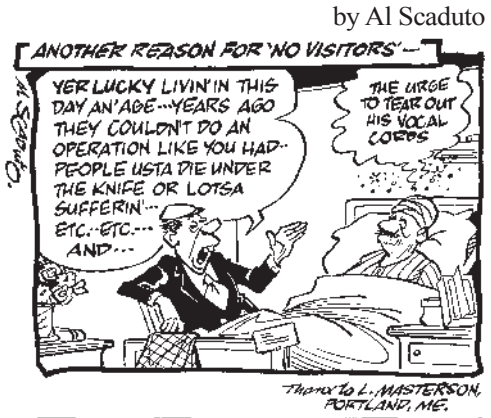
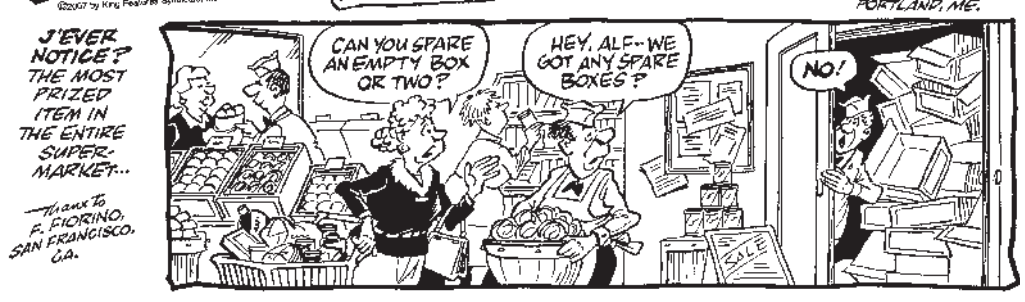
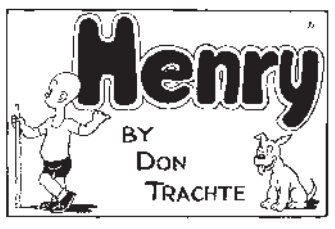
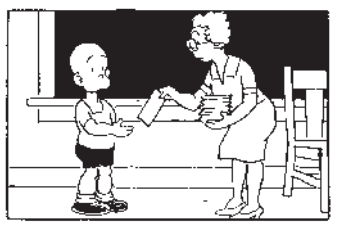
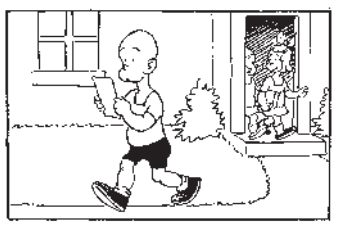
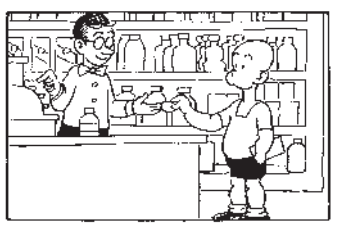

ANOTHER REASON FOR 'NO VISITORS'—
YER LUCKY LIVIN' IN THIS DAY AN' AGE... YEARS AGO THEY COULDN'T DO AN OPERATION LIKE YOU HAD.. PEOPLE USTA DIE UNDER THE KNIFE OR LOTSA SUFFERIN'... ETC.-ETC.... AND...
THE URGE TO TEAR OUT HIS VOCAL CORDS
Thanx to L. MASTERSON, PORTLAND, ME.

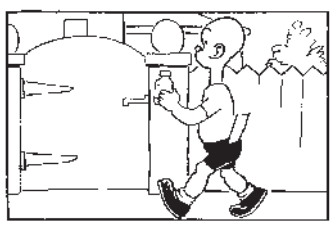

J'EVER NOTICE? THE MOST PRIZED ITEM IN THE ENTIRE SUPER-MARKET...
Thanx To F. FIORINO, SAN FRANCISCO, CA.
CAN YOU SPARE AN EMPTY BOX OR TWO?
HEY, ALF-- WE GOT ANY SPARE BOXES?
NO!
SALE

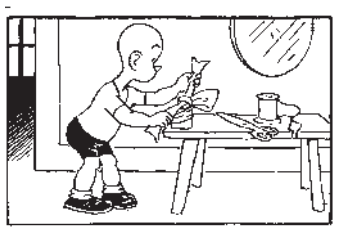












Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only food that koalas will eat?
2. CARTOONS: What was the name of Fred and Wilma Flintstone's daughter?
3. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens"?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the motto of West Virginia?
5. MOVIES: Who wrote the screenplay for "Mean Girls" and co-starred in the movie?
6. GAMES: How many dots are on a pair of dice?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Channel Islands located?
8. HISTORY: What was the name of the motel where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did Staten Island residents vote to secede from New York City?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many teaspoons are in a tablespoon?

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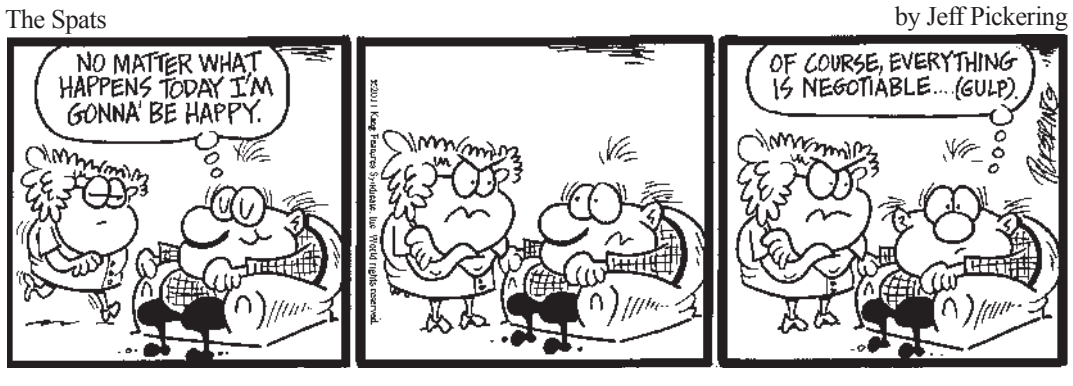
Answers

1. Eucalyptus leaves
2. Pebbles
3. Woody Allen
4. Mountaineers are always free (Montani semper liberi)
5. Tina Fey
6. 42
7. Between England and France
8. The Lorraine Motel
9. 1993
10. Three

Saturday's Answers

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering


NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TODAY I'M GONNA' BE HAPPY.
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6 Household Workers $5.05-$5.50/hr. MTO Maintenance (Spn), Inc. email admin@mtosaipan.com tel 7897306

1–Operation Manager (Tour): $1K –2K/mo. Min. 4 yrs exp. in tour agency mgmt or tour counseling. Korean speaking/writing fluency required. Email resume to hit@hanmisaipan.com

1–Dive Shop Attendant. Salary: $5.05p/h Min. of 5 yrs exp. Must have knowledge of compressor, gear maintenance and boats. Rescue Diver Certification required. Must be able to work flexible hours. Mail resume to S&B, Inc. PO Box 505711, Saipan MP 96950.

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**Important Documents & ID's inside
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EMPLOYMENT

1–Operation Manager: $1,200/mo. Min. 5 yrs exp. as Asst Manager/Operation Manager in retail (market) req. Email resume to sk@hanmi-saipan.com

(1) General Manager, (1) Cook, (1) Waiter, (1) Sewer. High School Graduate. Willing to work flexible hours. Interested applicants may submit resume to SAIPAN FASHION COMPANY. saifacom@gmail.com

(1) Household worker, (1) Cafeteria Food Attendant. Must have knowledge of HACCP procedure in food service. Must have a valid BEH food handler's certificate. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to BARNY'S PIZZA at jimmy@pticom.com

A & C Enterprises is looking for (1) Masseuse – at least 2 years work experience (2) Beautician – at least 2 years work experience Interested US Workers may submit resume to jennielyn_cruz2009@yahoo.com

1 Dress Maker w/ 2 yrs experience. Tonette's Dress Shop tel. 2862948. Send resume PO Box 7475 SVRB

EMPLOYMENT

CMI General Construction Needs: 22 Construction Workers, 1 Draftsman, 1 Construction Supervisor, 1 Comptroller / Accountant.

Yuujin Store Needs: 3 Cooks/Food Handler, 1 Salesperson, 1 Accountant.

Email resume to cmi.gencon@gmail.com

1-Operations Manager. 5yrs exp. Valid driver's license. Japanese speaking preferred. Kwun Kee Company of Saipan, Inc. Call 287-9834

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Attention to:
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Century Travel Agency dba., Century Tours is inviting qualified applicants to apply for the following positions :

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: (2) Accountant
Qualifications: Associates degree in Accounting with at least 3 years related experience in financial management for a travel and tour company. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Powerpoint. Must be able to work under pressure and can work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Position: (1) Travel Coordinator
Qualifications: Associates degree and some training in this field and Previous work-related skill, knowledge, or at least 2 years experience. Preferably Chinese speaking, and can read, write, and understand Mandarin. Must have excellent communication skills and must be professional and courteous when dealing with travel representatives and clients. Proficient in the use of Amadeus Altea Reservation; Microsoft Office; Microsoft Excel; and Microsoft Word.

Position: (5) Tour Coordinator
Qualifications: Associates degree and some training in this field and Previous work-related skill, knowledge, or at least 2 years experience. Preferably Chinese speaking, and can read, write, and understand Mandarin. Must have excellent communication skills and must be professional and courteous when dealing with travel representatives and clients. Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office; Microsoft Excel; Microsoft Word and Tour Information system.

Position: (18) Tour Guide
Qualifications: Associates degree and some training in this field and Previous work-related skill, knowledge, or at least 2 years experience. Preferably Chinese speaking, and can read, write, and understand Mandarin. Must have excellent communication skills and must be professional and courteous when dealing with travel representatives and clients. Must be well-organized, accurate, detail oriented and knowledge about the islands.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Saipan Grand Hotel's Backside. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than November 01, 2011, Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Century Travel Agency dba., Century Tours is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Advanced Language & Academic Institute

Tel: (670) 234-7944/ (670) 285-7678 • E-mail: allc.saipan@gmail.com
2nd Floor D.Y. II Bldg. San Jose, Saipan, MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Assistant Manager. Salary: $7.50 per hour.
- Review time sheets, work charts, wage computation & other information to detect and reconcile payroll discrepancies. Verify attendance, hours worked and pay adjustment.
- Be able to assist general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the institute's efficiency & profitable operations. Duties include but are not limited to transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status, supervise and lead staff & teachers.
- Korean speaker is a plus & able to handle, counsel & educate students/children.

1 - Assistant to the Assistant Manager. Salary: $6.00 per hour.
- Must be qualified in business English as well as written & oral reporting. Be proficient in inventory, book keeping & customer service.
- Must have extensive knowledge in educating children.

1 - Administrative Assistant emphasize on IT. Salary: $5.50 per hour
- At least 2 yrs. College courses. Extensive knowledge of word processing & billing software.
- Must have bookkeeping, basic fax filing experience.
- Operate computers programmed with accounting software to record & analyze information.
- Very dependable, able to work odd days & flexible hrs.
- Accept all customer inquiries, reservations & complaints.
- Prepare staff schedule.
- Keep records of daily sales, expenses & do the filing for record purposes.

All interested individuals may pick up an application on the 2nd floor of Payless Shoe Source, San Jose, Saipan. Submission of application must be accompanied with copies of Police Clearance, Resume, and a photo I.D. Please call 234-7944 for more information.

ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC. is looking for

General Manager (1): Manage the day to day operations of the company, covering industrial equipment sales and services, repairs and maintenance of power station, industrial and commercial projects, commercial printing, and procurement of equipment and materials. Prepare budget and manpower requirements. Submit bid proposals, covering but not limited to, preparation of equipment specifications, estimates, and documents. Deep knowledge of installation, operation, electrical and mechanical repairs and maintenance of equipment and machineries in utilities, power generation, transmission and distribution, and commercial and industrial establishments. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 10 years progressive experience in engineering management. Relevant degree preferred.

Wholesale Parts Salesman (1): Knowlegeable and able to promote & sell hydraulic, pneumatic & power tools & equipment, pumps, motors, measuring instruments & tools, industrial chemicals, oil & lubricants & spare parts for light & heavy equipment. Able to conduct technical presentation and possess skill & knowledge on methods for promoting & selling technical products & services. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 5 years experience on electrical/mechanical parts sales. Relevant degree preferred.

Offset Press Operator (1): Set up, operate various types of printing equipment, such as but not limited to, offset, numbering, cutting, and embossing machines. Prepare graphic lay out and plates. Able to prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Electrical Technician (3): Set up and utilize electrical diagnostic test equipment and instruments. Analyze and trouble shoot programmable logic controllers, electro mechanical, electronic motor starters and drives, and auto electrical. Rewind electric motors, generators, and transformers. Able to read and interpret electrical plans and schematic diagrams and prepare estimates. Minimum 3 to 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Mechanical Technician (1): Analyze and trouble shoot industrial equipment such as steam boilers, diesel generators, reverse osmosis, pneumatic, hydraulic systems, and related industrial equipment. Perform welding and plumbing works and repair equipment foundation. Able to interpret equipment plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Carpenter (1): Install structures or fixtures i.e., cabinets, windows, doors, frames, flooring, trim or hardware using hand or power tools. Able to read and interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Painter(1): Apply paint, varnish or other finishes to equipment, buildings or other structures using brushes, spray guns or rollers. Able to read and interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

HVAC Sheet Metal (1): Fabricate and install HVAC ducts, determine project requirements and scope of works. Able to interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Submit application not later than November 4, 2011 at ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC., P.O. Box 503360, Saipan, MP 96950 or email at asiapac@pticom.com, or call 235-5454.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

8 – Construction Worker
2 – Maintenance Worker

Minimum of 5 years. Experience in building maintenance/repair to include electrical, plumbing (including motors and pumps), carpentry, car boat repair and painting job. Willing to work flexible time.$ 5.05 per hour.

Bespren Development Corp. dba Five Star Builders Construction. Please submit resume or contact Rudy at 233-6927

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(7) Food preparation personnel
$5.05-$5.30 per hr.

A minimum of 5 years of experience in a specialty high volume commercial kitchen is required. Must be capable of performing all tasks necessary to prep, cook and serve multiple specialty items simultaneously. Must also have experience with the mixing and handling of dough.

Qualified individuals should email a full resume to bobcause@hotmail.com for an appointment.

CARLOS GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES/DVA CATERING
Is looking for:

(3) COOK – WITH 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

(8) HELPER – WITH 2 YEARS EXPERIENCE, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Contact Ms. Jenny Borja – Admin at 788-1401
Ms. Fe Cabrera – Owner

Job Vacancy Announcement

2-CATV PLANT-BROAD BAND TECHNICIAN
1-CATV PLANT HEADEND/BENCH TECHNICAN

Interested applicants may submit your application to CNMI Cable Vision, LLC. PO Box 501298, Saipan, MP 96950.
Tel. 235-4628 or email mcv.service@saipan.com

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-Commercial Cleaner
1-Maintenance Repairer

If interested, send resume and police clearance to Fruitful, Inc. P.O. Box 5061 CHRB Saipan MP 96950.
Tel. # 989-3827

Job Vacancy Announcement

Christian Education Director
Must know how to speak and teach Korean
Minimum of 3 years experience

Email resume to saipan@hanmail.net
Tel: 235-7777 or 288-7777
P.O. BOX 503071 SAIPAN, MP 96950

IMMANUEL MISSION METHODIST CHURCH

Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

Job Vacancy Announcement

10 – Commercial Cleaners
3 – Houseworker

Minimum wage. Must have at least 2 years work experience.

Please submit resume with attached copies of drivers license, police clearance and health certificate ISLAND CLEANERS ENT, INC. P.O. Box 500941, Saipan MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement

JAPAN ENTERPRISES CORP. DBA CLUB MICRONESIA

15 DANCERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years in Dancing experience especially Cultural and Variety Dance Skills.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

10 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to P.O. Box 502589 Saipan, MP 96950 or Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant-$5.75/hr
Knowledge in Peach Tree Accounting. 5 yrs of experience required

Building Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
10 yrs experience

Rod/Reel Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Gun/Rifle Repairer/Maintenance-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience

Administrative Assistant-$5.05/hr
5 yrs experience. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with experience in bookkeeping

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours and must have a valid CNMI driver's license

Please email resume to fishing@saipan.com no later than October 27, 2011

MAN'S SERVICES, LLC
Job Vacancy Announcement

4 - Garbage Collector
1 - Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Minimum wage. 2-3 years experience required.

Please submit resume with attached copies of driver's license, police and health clearance to Man's Services, LLC P.O. Box 503393 Saipan, MP 96950

TOP DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Accountant – At least 7-10 years work experience in general accounting. Must have Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office, Peachtree and QuickBooks accounting software.

Salary: $9.62-$11.50 per hour.

Interested Qualified US Workers may submit resume to tdi@pticom.com

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MISA ENTERPRISES
P.O. Box 500089 Saipan 96950
Tel# 234-6900

ASSISTANT MANAGER (1) :
REQ: Be able to assist the General manager in the supervision of the business establishment such as: Management of financial books, rental client agreement, building maintenance such as answering tenants complain & resolve problems. Confer with manager to review financial statements, activity reports and other performance data to determine areas needing cost reduction and improvement. Allocate funds, authorize expenditures necessary for building maintenance. Delegate authority and assign responsibilities to designate personnel for building maintenance, be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial and operational status other related duties as Assistant Manager.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE (2):
REQ: Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Applicants of position listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience. Applications can be picked-up at Kinpachi Restaurant, MISA Building 4, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. No phone calls please.

MARIANAS STAR CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement
Opening: Oct 25 – Oct. 29, 2011

(1) Project Engineer –
Salary: $1,700.00/month
Holder of a degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Minimum of 5 years experience in the construction business required. Licensed Civil Engineer preferred. Knowledgeable in the preparation and execution of plans and specifications, and preparation of project estimates and schedules.

(1) Accountant – Salary: $5.50/hour
B.S. in Business Administration-Accounting graduate. Minimum of 5 years continuous work experience. Knowledgeable in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and advice and implements system of general accounting including preparation of Financial Statements. Accounts Payable, Receivables, Payroll, Bank Reconciliation, CNMI and Federal tax and other related duties. Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe, Powerpoint, etc.) applications a must Familiarity and knowledge of Peachtree Accounting. Certified Public Accountant preferred.

(3) Carpenters – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience. Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledge and understanding of blueprints, sketches and plans relative to the work at hand a must.

(1) Electrician – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience. Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledgeable in the installation, maintenance and repair of electrical or electronic wirings & electrical system installation.

Email to marianas_star@yahoo.com
Fax: 288-7824 • Tel: 234-5577

PACIFIC BLUE CORP.
MONSIGNOR GUERRERO ROAD,
SAN JOSE, SAIPAN MP 96950
P.O. BOX 505701
Tel.: 670-233-0168 • Fax.: 670-233-0170
Contact Person:
Elvira Dela Cruz/Renato Dizon

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKERS, GENERAL

- (5) FIVE YEARS TO (8) EIGHT YEARS EXPERIENCE
- $5.05 /Hourly AND FULL TIME, HOUSING NOT PROVIDED (WORK COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE)

Job Duties:
- Supervises and participates in maintenance of waste water treatment facilities or water production facilities, Perform other tasks as assigned. (Assist with set-ups, etc.)
- Use tools ranging from common hand and power tools, such as hammers, hoists, saws, drills, and wrenches, to precision measuring instruments and electrical and electronic testing devices.
- Be on-call to cope with emergency situations.
- Clean up of work area. Sweep, mop, and vacuum as needed.
- Maintain and clean company vehicle if assigned.
- Perform routine preventive maintenance to ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently, or the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate.

Philippine Goods Construction, Inc.
is looking for

1 – GENERAL MANAGER
Salary: $15.00 - $21.00/hr
With 10 yrs experience on office, personnel and engineering operations particularly in construction business. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. At least 5 yrs experience as Civil Engineer. Proficient in AutoCAD and Microsoft Office.

Interested Qualified US Workers must e-mail resume to vphilippinegoods@yahoo.com

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QUAD L's COMPANY
Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Bldg Maintenance Repairer
2-3 years experience required.
Minimum Wage

Qualified US Workers can submit resume with Certificate of employment and police clearance to 2nd floor of Quad L's Bldg. (where Bank of Saipan, Garapan Branch is located) or you may send it to quadlscompany@pticom.com

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PKCL ENTERPRISES DBA APARTMENT RENTAL
P.O. Box 501957, Saipan, MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Building Maintenance Repairer (1): High School Graduate or equivalent, 5 years work experience in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting, masonry and various other construction and repair work.

Commercial Cleaner (1): High School Graduate or equivalent, 5 years work experience in cleaning apartment building, dust & mop, polish floor & furniture. Must be honest & trustworthy, work flexible hours.

Farmer (1): 5 years work experience in ground maintenance & landscaping, brush cutting, & general cleaning. Hardworking & trustworthy, work flexible hours.

Send resume to PKCL ENTERPRISES, P.O. BOX 501957, Saipan MP 96950

Pacific Data System (PDS)

would like to announce a position for

Telecommunications Manager
for their Saipan office.

The applicant must have prior experience with the installation and upkeep of 2 and 4 wire UNEs, T1s, PRIs, XDSL, etc. Must also possess knowledge of PBX systems whether VoIP or Traditional. Certifications such as A+, Network+, Security+, and CCNA recommended but not required.

Submit resumes to jobs@pdscnmi.com

Job Vacancy Announcement
JAGUAR LIMITED DBA. CLUB MERMAID

1 GENERAL MANAGER
Qualifications:
- 3 - 4 years work experience.
- College graduate or college level with Management Course.
- Responsible for establishing goals & objectives for the operation.
- Has excellent sales and marketing executions.
- Ability to control profit & loss with business analysis.
- Salary $7.00/hr

1 BARTENDER
Qualifications:
- At least 3 – 5 years experience.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

1 SUPERVISOR
Qualifications:
- 3 – 5 years work experience in Bar/Night Club operation.
- Preferably College Graduate or College level.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.

15 WAITRESS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

5 SINGERS
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Singer in a Karaoke Bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to PMB 697 BOX 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – BIG BELL, INC.

One (1) Cost Estimator
- Must be a College Graduate. At least 10 years of work experience.Knowledge in analyzing blueprints and other documentation to prepare time, cost, materials, and labor estimates. Knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models. Knowledge in preparing estimates for use in selecting vendors or subcontractors. Knowledge of assessing cost effectiveness of products, projects or services , tracking actual costs relative to bids as the project develops.

One (1) Project Supervisor
- College level. Must have at least 10 years or more experience in construction operations. Knowledge in preparing estimates for proposals. Must have knowledge in structural engineering and architectural design. Proficient in preparing project schedule. Great familiarity with local building by-laws and other regulatory frame work dealing with built environment and remarkable expertise in client servicing.

One (1) Accountant
- At least 2-3 years working experience. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements FICA, BGRT, EWHT, Bar Tax) Must have knowledge in Peachtree Accounting System software. Handles customer billing, collections, and payments. Prepares/Computes payroll. Proficiency in administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as Microsoft Office Word and Excel, managing files and records, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology. Bachelors degree in Accounting required.

Thirty (30) Carpenters/Construction Workers
- 5 or more years of experience in construction project. Ability to study specifications in blueprints, sketches, or building plans to prepare project layout and determine dimensions and materials required. Knowledge in shape or cut materials to specified measurements, using hand tools, machines, or power tools. Knowledge in building or repairing cabinets, doors, frameworks, floors, or other wooden fixtures used in building. Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools involved in the construction or repair of houses, buildings, or other structures.

One (1) Heavy Equipment Operator/Mechanic
- With at least 5 years of work experience. Must have a valid driver's license in operating heavy equipment. Must know how to operate and repair H.E. Motors.

One (1) Plumber
- At least 5 years work experience. Knowledge in studying building plans and inspects structures to assess material and equipment needs, to establish the sequence of pipe installations, and to plan installation around obstructions such as electrical wiring. Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools involved in the construction or repair of houses, buildings, or other structures.

One (1) Garbage Collector/Driver
- With at least 5 years of work experience. Must have a valid driver's license. Must know how to drive packet type truck, dump truck or truck equipped with hydraulic lifting device to collect garbage and trash and transport load to disposal area.

One (1) Restaurant Operations Manager
- Knowledge in overseeing activities in restaurant business. Manage staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific duties. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Korean and Japanese speaking is preferred.

One (1) Assistant Restaurant Operations Manager
- At least 5 years work experience in restaurant business. Able to converse in Japanese and Korean. Assist the restaurant manager in planning, directing, and coordinating activities of an organization or department that serves food and beverages

Three (3) Cooks
- At least 5 years experience in cooking dishes in a restaurant. Knowledge in Korean and Japanese food preparation. Must have a good quality technique in food preparation. Korean and Japanese speaking preferred.

Two (2) Waitress
- At least 2 years working experience in a restaurant business. Knowledgeable in using cash registers. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. Preferably Chinese and Korean speaking

Two (2) Asst. Cook/Cook Helper
- Flexible hours required. Must possess a good moral character and be able to follow food preparation standards. Able to help the cook and perform duties of lesser skill, such as supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work areas and equipment. Chinese and Korean speaking is preferred.

Email resume at bigbell@pticom.com or bring personally at Koblerville, P.O. Box 5423 CHRB, Saipan MP 96950. Phone calls will not be entertained.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.

ONE (1) SALES ENGINEER – Salary $1,200.00 - $2,000.00 Monthly
- SALES HVACR MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES WITH REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE AND JUDGEMENT ON PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION
- PREPARE ESTIMATES ON EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES, OR SERVICES AS NEEDED
- KNOWLEDGE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS.
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PREPARE SHOP DRAWING
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC SOFTWARE

FOUR (5) TECHNICIANS – Air Conditioning and Refrigeration – Salary $5.05 - $10.00/Hour.
- INSTALL, SERVICE AND REPAIR OF VENTILLATION, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS
- PERFORM REPAIR AND TROUBLE ANALYSIS OF VAV AND WT CONTROL SYSTEMS AND ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEMS
- REPAIR AND SERVICE CHILLED WATER AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM. EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS
- SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH MANITOWOC ICE MACHINES, TAYLOR ICE CREAM MACHINES, WALKIN REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT A PLUS.
- EPA SECTION 608 AND R-410A CERTIFIED REQUIRED

ONE (2) SHEET METAL WORKER – Salary $5.05 - $7.00/Hour
- FABRICATE, ASSSEMBLE, INSTALL AND REPAIR SHEET METAL PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS DUCTS, CONTROL BOXES, DRAIN PIPES AND AHU CASINGS
- MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH METAL, FIBERGLASS AND KOOLDUCT DUCTING FABRICATION
- SET-UP AND OPERATE FABRICATING MACHINES, RELATED FABRICATION TOOLS AND WELDING EQUIPMENT
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

ONE (1) ACCOUNTANT – Salary $1,200 – $2000.00 Monthly
- PREPARE TAX RETURNS, TAX PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND VERIFY ITS ACCURACY AND CONFORMANCE WITH STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE
- MONITOR DAILY TRANSACTIONS, PREPARE JOURNAL ENTRIES AND RECORD TO WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM
- HANDLE CUSTOMER BILLINGS, COLLECTIONS, AND CASH RECEIPTS, PAYMENT AND PAYROLL
- KKNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM AND MICROSOFT OFFICE

ALL OF THE ABOVE MUST POSSESS GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILL AND A MINIMUM OF 10-YR WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

ONE (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER – Salary $ 5.05/Hour
- PERFORM DUTIES TO MAINTAIN AND CLEAN OFFICE AND PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER
- PERFORM BASIC HOUSEHOLD CHORES
- MUST BE HONEST, RESPONSIBLE, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES AND POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED.

APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED AT JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC's OFFICE AT UNIT 4, G/FLOOR, LIM'S BLDG., COR. BEACH AND MSGR. GUERRERO ROAD, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN OR EMAIL TO: jwssaipan@pticom.com or tonys.jwssaipan@pticom.com

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LSG Sky Chefs

LSG Sky Chefs is seeking for the following positions to establish a list:

- Counter Attendant
- Food Server/Kitchen Helper
- Cook and Cook Helper
- Delivery Driver
- Sanitation Worker

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High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (5) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

Position: (3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER / REPAIRER
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Position: (1) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
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Position: (6) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

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Qualifications: Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure. Also responsible in handling of company general funds, supervising of employees in the sales associate and must be knowledgeable with purchasing procedures by having alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments and/or changes in priorities. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to, F&B, Dry Goods and HK cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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Position: (1) PROGRAM COORDINATOR
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Position: (1) POOL ATTENDANT
Qualifications: High school graduate with at least a year experience as a pool attendant. Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Maintains order in swimming areas. Inspects facilities for cleanliness. May clean and refill swimming pool. May determine chlorine content and pH value of water using water testing kit and must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Other related job as required.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 2 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

Position: (2) ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR
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11-061	Trades Technician (Mechanic)	Power Plant, Rota	$17,282 to $25,059	One
11-062	Trades Technician (Mechanic)	Power Generation, Saipan	$17,282 to $25,059	Thirteen
11-063	Trades Technician (Electrical)	Power Generation, Saipan	$17,282 to $25,059	Five
11-064	Trades Technician (Operator)	Power Generation, Saipan	$17,282 to $25,059	Four
11-065	Trades Foreperson (Mechanic)	Power Generation, Saipan	$21,104 to $30,601	One
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Cards stun Rangers, force World Series to Game 7

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Twice down to their last strike, the St. Louis Cardinals kept rallying to win one of baseball's greatest thrillers.

David Freese completed a startling night of comebacks with a home run leading off the bottom of the 11th inning to beat Texas 10-9 on Thursday, and suddenly fans all over got something they have waited a long time to see: Game 7 in the World Series.

"You had to be here to believe it," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

It was as great a game as baseball has ever witnessed, rivaling the Carlton Fisk homer in Game 6 of the 1975 Series and Bill Buckner's error in Game 6 of the 1986 Series.

Great, that is, except for Texas. The Rangers were that close to their first championship.

"I understand it's not over till you get that last out," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I was just sitting there praying we got that last out. We didn't get it."

Next up on Friday night, the first Game 7 in the World Series since the Angels beat San Francisco in 2002.

Freese, the hometown boy who made good, had already written himself into St. Louis lore in Game 6 with a two-strike, two-out, two-run triple in the ninth off Rangers closer Neftali Feliz that made it 7-all.

"Initially I was like 'Are you kidding me? My first AB off Feliz in this situation ever,'" Freese said. "I just beared down, got a pitch to hit. Initially I thought I hit it pretty good, I thought (right fielder Nelson Cruz) was going to grab it, so just a lot of emotions on that one."

After banged-up Josh Hamilton hit a two-run homer in the Texas 10th, St. Louis again tied it when Lance Berkman hit a two-out single on a 2-2 pitch from Scott Feldman.

Busch Stadium was still in frenzy when Freese opened the 11th with a leadoff shot over the center field wall off Mark Lowe. Freese thrust his arm in the air as he rounded first base, and the crowd was delirious.

"Just an incredible feeling, seeing all my teammates at the dish waiting for me," said Freese, whose shirt was torn off during the celebration.

A night that started off terribly for both teams turned terrific for everyone watching.

After it was over, La Russa wasn't willing to announce his starter for Game 7 - many believe it will be ace Chris Carpenter on three days' rest. Matt Harrison is set to start for Texas.

Home teams have won the last eight Game 7s in the World Series, a streak that started with the Cardinals beating Milwaukee in 1982.

Texas trudged off the field as Freese circled the bases after connecting off Lowe, having been so close to that elusive title. Much earlier, team president Nolan Ryan was high-fiving friends in the stands as Adrian Beltre and Nelson Cruz opened the seventh with home runs that helped Texas take a 7-4 lead.

Allen Craig's solo homer in the eighth began the Cardinals' comeback. Jake Westbrook wound up with the win.

Hardly the ending anyone imagined in a game that started out with a bevy of errors and bobbles—none more surprising than the routine popup that Freese simply dropped at third base.

"I'm just glad I had a chance after I looked like an idiot on that popup," Freese said.

AP

St. Louis Cardinals' David Freese hits a solo home run off a pitch by Texas Rangers' Mark Lowe in the 11th inning of Game 6 of baseball's World Series Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, in St. Louis. The Cardinals won, 10-9.

The Cardinals made it 4-all in the sixth when Alexi Ogando relieved starter Colby Lewis and walked Yadier Molina with the bases loaded.

Then came a key play - Napoli and Beltre teamed up to pick off Matt Holliday at third with the bases loaded.

With one out, Napoli zipped a throw to Beltre, who neatly used his cleat to block the diving Holliday from reaching the base. That also ended Holliday's night with a severely bruised right pinkie.

Texas wasn't quite out of trouble as Nick Punto walked to reload the bases. But Derek Holland, the star of Game 4 with shutout ball into the ninth inning, trotted in from the bullpen and retired Jon Jay on a comebacker.

The Rangers looked loose as they took the field for pregame warmups. Cruz playfully kicked a couple of Cardinals gloves strewn on the grass, and smiled at his St. Louis pals.

Once they started, however, both Texas and St. Louis seemed tense, as if they were trying too hard with so much at stake. Either that, or they looked like they were playing in the sloppy weather that forced Wednesday night's postponement.

Exacerbated by the errors, the teams seesawed through the early innings.

Texas did more damage in three batters against Jaime Garcia than it did in seven scoreless innings against him in Game 2, with Hamilton hitting an RBI single in the first.

St. Louis came out swinging at first pitches, and Berkman's two-run homer into the center field bleachers made it 2-1 in the bottom half. Ian Kinsler tied it in the Texas second with an RBI double. Garcia was pulled after the third in his shortest outing since June 2010.

Shaky in the field all year, St. Louis made two errors in a span of four batters in the fourth behind reliever Fernando Salas, equaling its mistake total for the Series.

Holliday failed to take charge on an easy fly ball by Cruz and dropped it for a two-base error. Napoli followed with an opposite-field single to right that hit the chalk line for his 10th RBI of the Series. Salas then sailed Lewis' bunt into center and Napoli turned his left ankle as he went leg into the bag on the play. Napoli was checked, and was OK.

The misplays continued in the Cards fourth when first baseman Michael Young made an errant throw to Lewis covering the base, letting Berkman reach. Molina's RBI grounder made it 3-all.

The next botch belonged to St. Louis. Hamilton lifted a major league popup in the fifth that started foul, drifted fair and was dropped by Freese. Young took advantage with an RBI double for a 4-3 lead.

Feliz, Feldman, and Lowe form infamous Texas trio

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Neftali Feliz, Scott Feldman and Mark Lowe became a pitching trio that will live in infamy.

Feliz and Feldman came within one strike of finishing off the first World Series title in the Texas Rangers' 51-season history.

And then it all came apart in a stunning finish, leaving the Rangers 20 hours to recover for Game 7.

Feliz allowed David Freese's two-run, two-strike triple just over the glove of a leaping Nelson Cruz at the right-field wall, tying the score 7-all in the ninth inning.

Then, after Josh Hamilton's two-run homer against Jason Motte in the 10th inning put the Rangers ahead, Feldman gave up an RBI groundout to Ryan Theriot in the bottom half followed by Lance Berkman's two-out, two-strike single.

Capping the collapse, Lowe allowed Freese's leadoff homer the landed halfway up the center-field grass in the 11th inning, giving the Cardinals an incredible 10-9 victory Thursday in one of baseball's greatest meltdowns.

"You know, it's not that easy to win a world championship, as we found out tonight," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We'll bounce back tomorrow. We've been in some tough situations before. We've always responded, and I expect us to respond tomorrow.

Texas hasn't lost consecutive games since Aug. 23-25. But this will be hard to overcome.

Bill Buckner made only one error as the Boston Red Sox wasted a two-run lead in the 10th inning in Game 6 in 1986.

Don Denkinger blew only one call as the Kansas City Royals rallied to beat the Cardinals in Game 6 in 1985.

This collapse was unprecedented. No team had ever come from behind twice in the ninth inning and later to tie a World Series game or take the lead.

"What happened today, I just think it's—you had to be here to believe it," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

A sellout crowd of 47,325 at Busch Stadium stayed around long after the final out, cheering and waving white pompoms. It was a famous World Series score, matching Pittsburgh's Game 7 win against the Yankees in 1960 on Bill Mazeroski's ninth-inning home run.

It was the most thrilling Game 6 since Kirby Puckett's 11th-inning homer at the Metrodome propelled the Minnesota Twins over the Atlanta Braves in 1991.

They'll be replaying this one for a long, long time, especially if Texas loses Game 7 on Friday night. Matt Harrison starts for the Rangers, and La Russa won't say which pitcher he'll send to the mound - ace Chris Carpenter on three days' rest or Kyle Lohse.

Game 6 will be a classic everywhere but in Texas.

The Rangers built a 7-4 lead in the seventh when Adrian Beltre and Nelson Cruz hit consecutive home runs off Lance Lynn, and Ian Kinsler added an RBI single off Octavio Dotel.

Allen Craig's second homer of the Series cut the gap in the eighth against Derek Holland.

In the ninth, Albert Pujols doubled with one out off Feliz, and Berkman walked on four pitches.

Craig took a called third strike, and Freese fell behind in the count 1-2. He sliced an opposite-field drive, and when Cruz jumped, the crowd of 47,315 at Busch Stadium couldn't tell at first whether he caught it.

Feliz then retired Yadier Molina on a flyout to right, sending the game to extra innings.

With Texas ahead 3-2 in the Series and one win from its first title, the Rangers also wasted 1-0, 3-2 and 4-3 leads. The Cardinals made three errors in a Series game for the first time since 1943, and Rangers first baseman Michael Young made two, with each team allowing two unearned runs.

Matt Holliday was picked off in the sixth at third base by catcher Mike Napoli, thwarting the Cardinals' attempt to go ahead, and he had to leave the game because of a bruised right pinkie.

Hamilton's RBI single had put the Rangers ahead in the first off Jaime Garcia, Berkman's two-run homer gave the Cardinals the lead in the bottom half and Kinsler's run-scoring double tied it 2-all in the third.

Cruz reached when Holliday dropped a flyball leading off the fourth and came home when Napoli singled for his 10th RBI of the Series. Berkman then got to first on a throwing error by Young starting the bottom half and scored on Molina's grounder.

Freese dropped Hamilton's popup to third leading off the fifth, and Young lined a pitch from Fernando Salas to the gap in left-center. An error by Young on Holliday's sixth-inning grounder was followed by three straight walks, including two by Alexi Ogando.

Colby Lewis allowed four runs—two earned—and three hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Texas got far better swings against Garcia than it did in Game 2, when he allowed three hits in six shutout innings. This time, he gave up five hits and two walks, throwing 59 pitches, and seven of the first 13 Texas batters reached base.

NBA sides eager to get deal in next few days

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA owners and players called it an early night Thursday, with both pointing toward Friday as a decisive day for big moves to end the 119-day lockout.

Or not.

After two days of talks about the salary cap system, they will turn their attention back to the division of revenues, which derailed the negotiations last week.

This time, Commissioner David Stern said the talks had produced enough familiarity and trust "that will enable us to look forward to tomorrow, where we anticipate there will be some important and additional progress - or not."

"But I think (union executive director Billy Hunter) and I share that view, and we're looking forward to seeing whether something good can be made to happen."

The sides again said there was some minor progress on the system issues after about 7 1/2 hours of talks. They decided to wrap it up and get some rest following a marathon 15-hour session Wednesday, and with union economist Kevin Murphy unavailable Thursday to discuss finances.

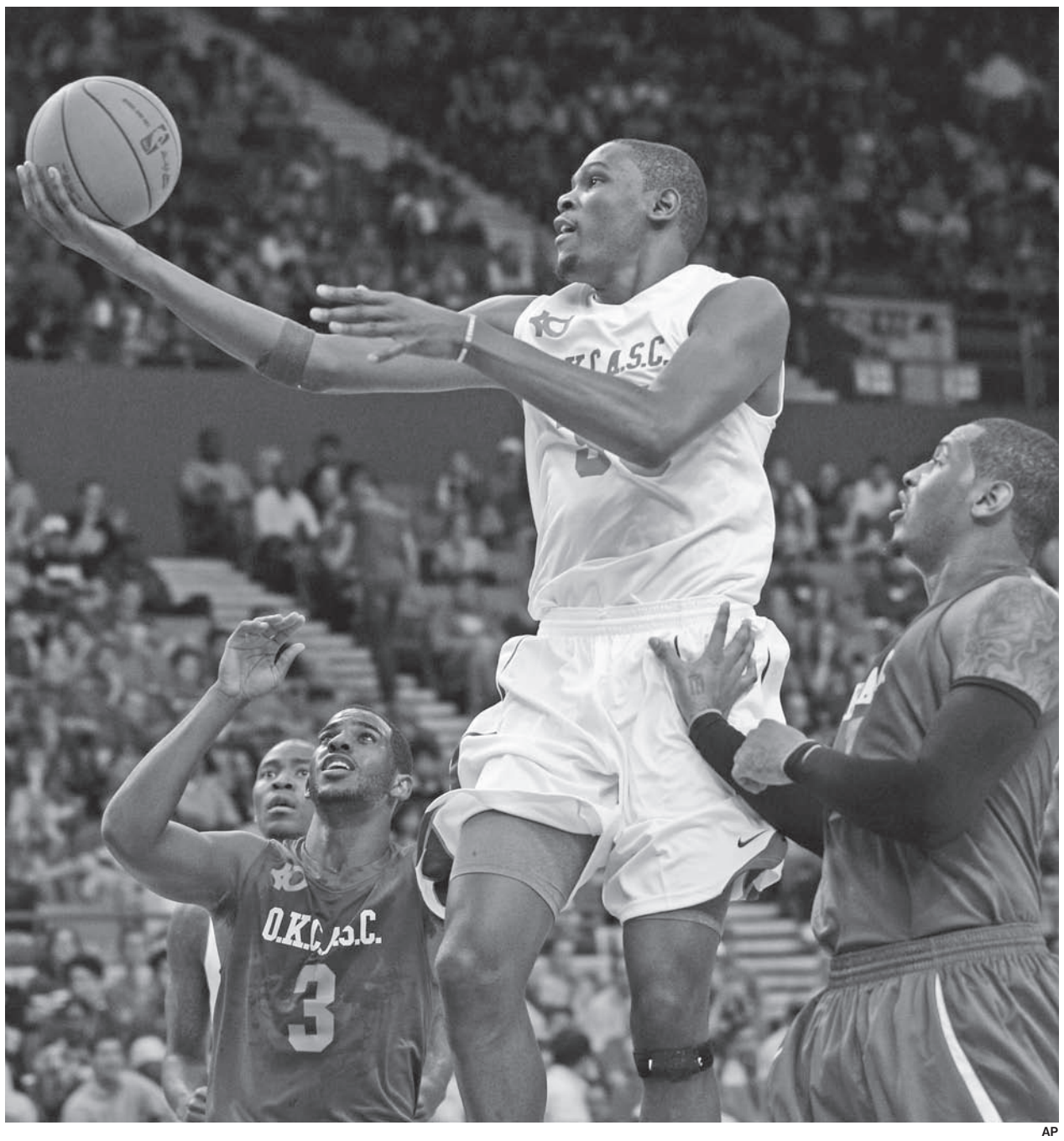
Hunter said he thought the sides were "within striking distance of a getting a deal" on the system, but there's still no indication either side is ready to make the big move necessary to settling the BRI split.

Owners have insisted they're not going beyond 50-50, which means the sides are still about $100 million apart annually, based on last season's revenues. Players have proposed reducing their guarantee from 57 percent down to 52.5, but they're unlikely to go much further without some concessions on the system issues.

"I think we're within reach and within striking distance of getting a deal," Hunter said. "It's just a question of how receptive the NBA is and whether or not they want to do a deal."

Asked when the significant move would happen, Hunter noticed Stern sitting in the back of his press conference and said to ask the commissioner.

"Tomorrow!" Stern yelled out.



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Kevin Durant, center, goes up for a shot between Chris Paul, left, and Carmelo Anthony, right, in a charity basketball invitational game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011. Durant had 42 points, 26 rebounds, and 11 assists for a triple-double in his charity basketball game, leading his team to a 176-171 victory in overtime.

"There are no guarantees that we'll get it done, but we're going to give it one heck of a shot tomorrow," Stern said a few minutes later in his press conference. "I think that Billy and the union's negotiators feel the same way. I know that ours do."

If they don't, Stern will have to decide whether to add more cancellations to the two weeks that have already been lost.

A full season might be difficult even with a deal this week. It takes roughly 30 days from agreement to games being played, so it's uncertain if there's still time for any basketball in November even before examining arena availability. But 82 games would be a boost for the players, meaning they wouldn't miss the paycheck that seemed lost when the first two weeks were scrapped.

It was widely expected Stern would announce further cancellations this week after talks broke down a week ago. Instead, the sides were in communication the next day, staffs met Monday, and they were back at the bargaining table Wednesday, acting on Hunter's recommendation to "park" the revenue split and focus first on the system issues.

Players want a system that looks a lot like the old one, where teams have the ability to exceed the salary cap and where contracts and their raises are guaranteed. Owners are seeking changes that they believe would create more competitive balance by removing the big market teams' ability to spend freely beyond the cap.

They have attempted to do that by increasing the penalties teams would have to pay for exceeding the tax level. Players argue the taxes are too punitive and would scare teams from spending, thereby creating a hard cap.

"Our position hasn't changed much," union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said. "We're just trying to make sure that players have an opportunity to have a market for themselves and for their services, the same way we're trying to meet the league and our teams on all 30 teams being competitive."

Players have said the issues of the system and split are largely tied together, though Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver have said they believe they are separate.

The key question is whether owners will insist on having both - and it sounds like they might.

"We need to resolve both issues and both issues are critical," Silver said. "One is not dependent on the other."

The sides again met in the small-group format that has been most successful in the lockout, with Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and union vice president of the Knicks Roger Mason Jr. also joining the talks.

The sides have seemed close before, only for the talks to break down. It was the system issues earlier this month, followed by the split last week after three days of mediation.

They are hoping a deal can be completed by early next week, with the union believing if so there would still be enough time to reschedule the canceled games. But they've now arrived at what might be the toughest part, because it always seemed these talks would come back to money.

"We're working at it," Fisher said. "It's a tough process and as we move through and try to close the gap in as many places as we can, it gets tougher towards the end."

New rules would keep UConn out of 2013 tourney

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Changes in NCAA rules adopted Thursday would keep defending national champion Connecticut from participating in the 2013 NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Under the rules adopted by the NCAA's Division I Board of Directors, a school cannot participate in the 2013 tournament unless it has a two-year average score of 930 or a four-year average of 900 on the NCAA's annual Academic Progress Rate, which measures the academic performance of student athletes.

Connecticut's men's basketball scored 826 for the 2009-10 school year. A UConn official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the number isn't official until next May, said the score for the 2010-11 school year would be approximately 975.

That would not be high enough. It would give Connecticut a two-year score of 900.5 and a four-year average of 888.5.

Connecticut, which lost two scholarships this season as a result of the latest APR report, sought clarification hoping the NCAA might use numbers from the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. The 2011-12 numbers are not expected to be released until May 2013, after the tournament is played.

But NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson confirmed the governing body's position.

"For access to postseason competition in 2012-13 and 2013-14, teams must achieve a 900 multiyear APR or a 930 average over the most recent two years to be eligible," he said in an email to the AP. "For 2012-13, those years would be 2009-10 and 2010-11. For 2013-14, those years would be 2010-11 and 2011-12."

The NCAA also said the current process for collecting and reporting the data, which takes about a year to complete, would continue. But, it said the committee was interested in ways to speed up the process, and that could eventually result in more current data being used to determine eligibility. There also will be an appeals process before a team is banned from the tournament, the NCAA said.

University of Connecticut President Susan Herbst said in an email Thursday night that she endorses the NCAA changes, but believes the punishments should be applied "as soon as possible after violations are found, not two years later."

"Students who have enjoyed academic success should not suffer because of the shortcomings of individuals who played in prior seasons," she said in an email. "It is my understanding that the NCAA has already begun examining the fairest method for implementing the new rules and I encourage them to make the time frame between a violation and a punishment as short as possible."

Walter Harrison, the president of the University of Hartford and chairman of the NCAA's Committee on Academic Performance, said the changes were made to give teams a chance to change behavior, but would be implemented rapidly "so they are going to have to get on the stick," he said.

Herbst noted that Connecticut this summer implemented a new plan to improve academic performance in men's basketball.

It calls for:

■ ensuring that athletes who leave early are academically eligible when they depart.

■ requiring nine credit hours of summer school for returning players to ensure they are progressing toward graduation

■ providing more academic support services to incoming freshmen in the summer before they enroll and that fall

■ cutting down on the number of transfers

■ encouraging players who leave early for a professional career to come back and finish their degrees.

"Again, we are pleased with the outcome of today's NCAA decisions and they certainly fit where I want to take this university," Herbst said. "Our newly implemented academic plan has already produced an extraordinarily high APR score for our men's basketball team in 2010-11."

Len Elmore, a member of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, called UConn's situation unfortunate, but said he was not surprised.

"It's a cautionary tale," he said. "But the need for again, focusing on the true mission of the university, is to graduate players and you can't fail at the most important task whether you're national champions or not."

$100K bonus to next Donaire opponent

BOXING

MANILA, Philippines—A $100,000 bonus just to fight–and not dodge–Nonito Donaire Jr.

Top Rank president Todd duBoef put that "bounty" for the next opponent of the WBO/WBC bantamweight champion whose title fight against Omar Narvaez last Oct. 22 ended in a whimper when the erstwhile unbeaten Argentinian refused to mix it up all night long.

"There was a great crowd in there and the people were really excited, and there was a very real sense that the place was about to explode," duBoef told Kevin Iole of Yahoosports.com. "And then [Narvaez] went out there not even trying to win and it deflated the whole place. It killed the atmosphere."

DuBoef, according to the article, was irked when Narvaez even climbed the ropes after the final bell as if to celebrate the fact that he didn't hit the floor against the Filipino Flash.

He didn't get a single round from any of the three judges at the Theatre of the Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The bonus will be on on top of the guaranteed prize money for Donaire's rival.

Donaire, in his twitter account, said he's "excited about the future matchups considering the $100,000 bounty on my head."

The Philippines' Nonito Donaire Jr., left, hits Argentine Omar Narvaez during their WBO/WBC bantamweight title fight last Oct. 22 at the Theatre of the Madison Square Garden in New York City. AP

Donaire, who is set to arrive in the country today, is likely to next fight Jorge Arce, the WBO super bantam champ from Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico, in February, according to Top Rank CEO Bob Arum.

The Filipino champ, who was born in Bohol, raised in Gen. Santos City and moved to San Leandro, California, when he was 11, was aching to make a showcase performance against Narvaez to boost his pay-per-view status.

But after the Narvaez bout, duBoef vowed Donaire won't go through that sad experience again.

"We brought him in because we had looked at his past fights and he was a guy who fought. He threw a lot of punches. We wanted to put Nonito into a good fight, and this was a guy who, from everything we had seen in the past, looked like he would come to fight and wouldn't be intimidated. When (Narvaez) jumped on the ropes, I was extremely angry. I was like, 'What is wrong with you? You're celebrating a loss, just because you made it to the end?," duBoef told the website.

The Top Rank executive said the sport doesn't need "appearance-fee mindset." Narvaez pocketed $250,000, while Donaire earned $725,000 for the fight. ***(PDI)***

RBC Rockin' Halloween fundraiser Sunday

Saipan Music & Dance Studio is putting on a Rockin' Halloween fundraiser event for the Rollers Basketball Club this Sunday starting 4pm at the Hard Rock Café in Garapan.

Proceeds from the event will go toward RBC's upcoming trip to Guam where they will compete in the 2011 Take Care Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

Entrance fee is $5 per person, which also includes free entrance for one parent. Drinks and food will also be available for sale throughout the evening.

The event will showcase a costume contest for all kids up to 16 years old, with special additional prizes to be awarded to the winners.

The first 150 kids with costumes will receive goodies provided by sponsors Hershey's, M&M's, and D&Q International Distributors.

Music and dance entertainment will also be featured during the party.

Contact SM&D's Ester Sablan at 989-9966 for more information. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

5 RGA events left for 2011 season

The Refaluwasch Golf Association will have five more events before calling the season off.

Two competitions will be held simultaneously with RGA holding the November Ace and December qualifying tournaments on Nov. 6 at the Kingfisher Golf Links. The third event will take place on Nov. 20 with the club having the December Ace at Coral Ocean Point.

Then the 12 monthly Ace winners will slug it out for the RGA Club Championship on Dec. 11. The club will conclude the season with the Family Fun Day on Dec. 18. Venues for the last two events have yet to be decided.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Tars Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129.

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The tournament in Tokyo is the last stop in the seven-leg World Cup series that started in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on Oct. 7 and 8. The second leg took place in Stockholm, Sweden (Oct. 15 to 16), third in Moscow, Russia (Oct. 18 to 19), and fourth in Berlin, Germany (Oct. 22 to 23). The fifth leg is scheduled in Singapore (Nov. 4 to 5), while the penultimate will be held in Beijing, China (Nov. 8 to 9). Points are awarded in each leg based on how swimmers finished in every event and at the end of the seven-leg series, rankings will be made both in the men's and women's divisions. Double points are at stake in the seventh and last leg.

Cash prizes await the top-ranking swimmers in the men's and women's categories and the world record holders. The No. 1 ranked swimmer will receive $100,000 (each for men's and women's), $50,000 to second, and $30,000 to third. For each event, the winner gets $1,500, $1,000 for runner-up, and $500 for third. FINA pays $10,000 for a world record.

The CNMI will only be competing in one leg and Kensuke Kimura and Tenorio will be leaving for Japan on Nov. 11 with Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura accompanying them in the two-day competition. Kimura has yet to inform *Saipan Tribune* the events his two swimmers are entered in.

The two Tsunami Saipan swimmers warmed up for the FINA World Cup on Oct. 15 when they participated in the 18th SSC All Schools Swimming Championships at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Kensuke and Tenorio swam for Grace Christian Academy and gave the Eagles the first place finish in the high school division against Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School. Kensuke won in the 14-and-above 200m freestyle race and 100m backstroke and joined GCA's 200m medley relay team. Tenorio prevailed in the 200m individual medley and 100m breaststroke events.

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where it was held to 11 points and only one field goal for about five minutes.

The fourth canto started with PSS ahead by only a hair, 54-53, and then PIC forced a deadlock, 58-all, with 6:14 left on the clock. With PIC catching up, PSS lost focus and was called for a technical foul in the ensuing play, as the latter fielded four "imports." League rules allow only three players, who are not working in the team/company they are representing, at the court at the same time. Tamayo made the two technical free throws to put PIC on top, 60-58, and the defending champion never looked back, as it outgunned PIC in the five-minute span, 9-2.

PSS tried to save face, scoring five straight points off Villacrusis' layup and Kelvin Fitial's three-point play and cutting the deficit to four, 65-69, 29.5 seconds to go in the match. It had a chance to move closer when Ponce Rasa was called for a backing violation off PIC's wild inbound play. However, PSS wasted the opportunity when Dave Sablan missed on his drive to the middle against PIC burly center Zack Diaz. Another Sablan muffed shot doomed PSS' chances, while Tamayo hit a pair of charities in the last 10 seconds to seal the win.

Tamayo top-scored for PIC with 16, while Ziddy Johanes and Ponce added 10 each.

Fitial led all scorers with 21, but he was off in the second and third quarters when PIC bounced back. Sablan had a quiet 11 points, scoring only two points each in the first, third, and fourth quarter.

Fiesta 100, Hyatt 79

In the first game, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan notched its second straight victory after crushing Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The win jumped Fiesta to second place with its 2-2 record, while the loss dropped Hyatt (1-3) to seventh spot.

Fiesta broke away in the third period, outscoring Hyatt, 31-18, to turn a manageable 50-43 lead to a big 81-61 advantage. Elmer Esdrelon, Ivan Devero, and Ernie Moises joined forces in the third-quarter run with the former firing nine points. Devero and Moises had six appoints apiece, while Jawn Joyner and Brendon Talania added three each.

With Fiesta leading by 20 in the fourth, Esdrelon relaxed a bit, leaving Devero the key to leading the team to victory in the final canto, as the latter added 11 more points.

Devero finished with a game-high 37 markers, while Esdrelon logged 28. Devero exploded early, nailing 15 in the opening quarter that ended with Fiesta ahead by only three, 24-21.

Esdrelon picked up where Devero left off in the second period, drilling 14 to stretch the lead to seven at the break, 50-43. Hyatt stayed in the game in the first half, but folded up in the second, as it had no player making baskets in succession in the final 20 minutes of the match. Hyatt's top-scorer was Bernard Aquino, who posted 14 markers, but had only three points in the second half.

First Game

Fiesta Resort 100 – Devero 37, Esdrelon 28, Joyner 9, Moises 6, Macoto 5, Talania 5, Berline 5, Pablo 3, Ong 2.

Hyatt 79 – Aquino 14, Durant 12, Alipio 10, Umali 10, Tumaquip 8, Devero 8, Palacios 8, Mateo 2, Manzo 3, Ruelo 2, Castro 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-21, 50-43, 81-61, 100-79.

Second Game

PIC/NVM 71 – Tamayo 16, Johanes 10, Rasa 10, Fernando 9, Diaz 8, Lizama 4, Aquino 5, Ortiz 2, Salem 2, Yabut 1.

PSS/McGraw-Hill 65 – Fitial 21, Sablan 11, Manibusan 8, Villacrusi 7, Lee 4, Cabrera 6, Buniag 3.

Scoring by quarters: 13-23, 32-38, 53-54, 71-65.

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Mayweather hates is Manny's right hand. Mayweather has no chin and Manny will knock him out. Pacquiao and Mayweather is a three or four-round fight. Period. And who knows that best? Mayweather. The one thing Mayweather has had throughout his career is he knows boxing. He understands boxing and Mayweather can not compete with Manny. It's the right hand of Manny that is preventing that fight from happening. If Manny agreed just to jab with the right hand the fight would be made in 30 seconds."

Pacquiao's promoter made the comments before Pacquiao's media day workout leading up to his Nov. 12 fight against Juan Manuel Marquez.

"Once Manny demonstrated that fearsome right hand there was no chance ever that the fight would happen," Arum said. "None. Don't kid yourself. I know Mayweather, everything else is bulls---."

When Pacquaio was asked about the megafight he smiled, shrugged his shoulders and answered the same way he normally does.

"I don't know," he said. "Maybe the promoters can not afford him. I think that's the reason. The promoters cannot afford him. What he's asking is hard."

Arum also said Mayweather tarnished boxing and cheated the fans with the way he beat Victor Ortiz last month.

"Mayweather demonstrated a complete lack of sportsmanship and the public that paid for that was cheated," Arum said. "I don't care about the baloney about protect yourself at all times and its a legal shot. That's not the issue. The fighter has the obligation to entertain the public and hitting this kid with two cheap shots really put a damper on boxing. For me, f--- the legacy, he cheated the public."

Pacquiao's trainer Freddie Roach said Pacquiao will only fight for two more years and four to five more fights before retiring and focusing on his political career and believes it is important for Pacquiao's legacy that he fight Mayweather.

"I think it would be good for boxing and good for the world if that fight happened," Roach said. "If that doesn't happen there will always be a question mark why they didn't fight each other. If Floyd ends up undefeated but didn't fight Manny Pacquiao it's going to haunt him for the rest of his life, but I don't think he thinks logically. It's always something with him. Only he knows why he won't take this fight."

Roach believes the fight needs to happen by next year for it to live up to its lofty expectations, but after so many false starts he's not making any predictions.

"You don't want them to fight when its too late and they're too old and the fight's not as spectacular," Roach said. "They're both in their prime right now and I think it needs to happen now. People around the world are getting tired of it. They need to fight already."

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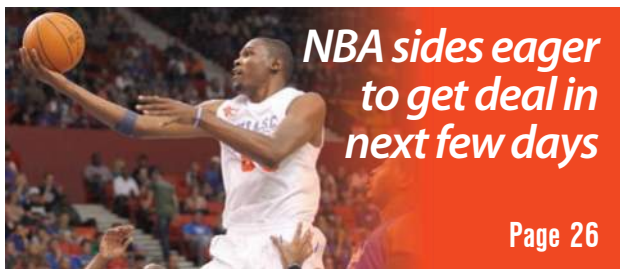
outclassed Roc It, 39-37; Give-a-Hoot downed Just-do-It, 41-32; and Alpha Q topped Lay Low, 36-28.

Saipan Rocball creator James Feger said 52 aces, 27 kees, 10 xunks, one jam, and six goals were made in Week 1. Dream Team's Daniel Agulto and Roc It's Ben Olopai nailed four aces each in their season debuts, while Give-a-Hoot's Damart Teregeyo drilled two xunks. The lone and first jam in the season came from Icemwar Somorang of Lay Low.

Teachers' John Nekaifes, Aim Low's Y.J Nakayama, G-Sparks' Brian Daria and Jim Lacsina, Give-a-Hoot's Derick Olopai, and Lay Low's Somorang and T.J. Lisua posted one goal each.

The Rocball league will have a round-robin format for the regular season. Games are played from Monday to Friday. There will be additional morning games at 8am every Tuesday and Thursday, while matches every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will only be played at 1pm. Playoffs format has yet to be decided.



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Kimura, Tenorio off to FINA World Cup

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The CNMI will be sending two swimmers to the FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup 2011 in Tokyo, Japan, next month.

Northern Marianas Swimming Federation president John Hirsh said they selected Tsunami Saipan's Kensuke Kimura and Shigeki Tenorio to represent the Commonwealth in the FINA World Cup that will run from Nov. 12 to 13 at the Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Center.

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PIC/NVM still undefeated

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Defending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM is still in the club of unbeaten teams in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League, following a come-from-behind 71-65 win over PSS/McGraw-Hill last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

With its perfect 3-0 record, PIC is now in a three-way tie for the lead with Mobil and DFS Galleria, while PSS fell to third place in the 10-team field with an even 1-1 record.

PSS won its season debut last week, beating Grillin', 91-86, and seemed headed for another victory, as it surged to an early double-digit lead against PIC, 23-13. However, PSS lost momentum after that and then collapsed completely in the fourth quarter

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PIC/NVM's Bon Tamayo, right, is chased by PSS/McGraw-Hill's Lawrence Buniag during the closing minutes of their game in the Shirley's caging last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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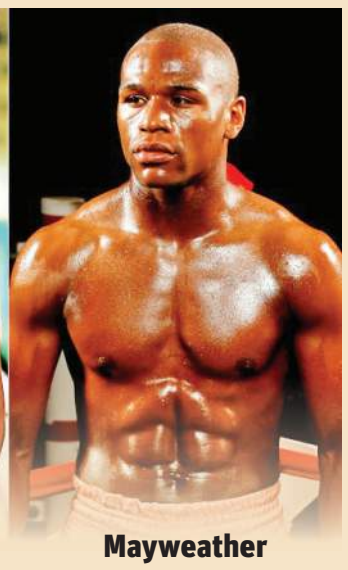

Mayweather

Bob Arum doesn't see megafight

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HOLLYWOOD, Calif— Don't hold your breath for that Manny Pacquiao-Floyd Mayweather megafight. As far as Top Rank CEO Bob Arum is concerned it's never happening.

"That fight will never, ever happen," Arum said. "Ever, ever happen because of Mayweather.

"When Mayweather talks about how he hates Top Rank he's talking bulls---. What

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12 teams join Rocball fall season

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The 2011 Rocball Fall League opened last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium with 12 teams competing for the season championship.

The list includes Balls of Fury, Geeks, Aim Low, Roc It, Lay Low, Give-a-Hoot, Just-do-It, Alpha Q, G-Sparks, IDK, Teachers, and Dream Team.

Six games were played in Week 1 with Teachers recording the most impressive debut win after whipping Geeks, 40-7. Also breaking into the win column in their first attempt were Dream Team, Aim Low, G-Sparks, Give-a-Hoot, and Alpha Q. Dream Team edged Balls of Fury, 29-24; Aim Low routed IDK, 39-10; G-Sparks

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